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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts, convened at Westfield, in the meeting-house of the Rev. Messrs. Isaac Knapp and Emerson Davis, Tuesday, June 22, 1841, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Mr. Davis.

Rev. Joseph H. Towne was appointed to read the certificates of memberships. From these credentials it appeared that the following persons were the regular delegates to constitute the General Association.

Berkshire Association,	Rev. Philetus Clark, Rev. Eber L. Clark.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Israel G. Rose, Rev. John H. Bisbee.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D. Rev. Timothy M. Cooley, D.D.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Theophilus Packard, jr.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. James Sandford, Rev. David R. Austin.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Hiram A. Tracy, Rev. John C. Webster.
Worcester Central Asso'tion	Rev. Josiah Clark, Rev. M. G. Pratt.
Worcester North Asso'tion,	Rev. Cyrus Mann, Rev. Lewis Sabin.

Middlesex Union Asso'tion,	Rev. H. Brown, Rev. Levi Brigham.
Middlesex South Asso'tion,	Rev. Lavius Hyde, Rev. Jacob Cummings.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Joseph Bennett.
Andover Association,	Rev. John Orcutt.
Essex North Assocation,	Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, Rev. Nathan Munroe.
Essex South Association,	Rev. Daniel Mansfield, Rev. Alexander J. Sessions.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. A. R. Baker, Rev. Joseph H. Towne.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Asahel Bigelow, Rev. Silas Aiken.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Calvin Durfee,
Taunton Association,	Rev. Constantine Blodgett, Rev. Jonathan Crane.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Thomas Robbins, D. D. Rev. Jacob Robberts.
Vineyard Sound Asso'tion,	Rev. J. C. Patridge.
Brewster Association,	None.
Mendon Association,	Rev. Tertius D. Southworth.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. Brown Emerson, D. D. Rev. J. S. Clark.

Ex Officiis.

Rev. Thomas Snell, Secretary, and Rev. Isaac Knapp, and Rev. Emerson Davis, Pastors of the Church in Westfield.

The following delegates were also present from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jacob Greene, and Rev. Nathaniel S. Prime.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Ansel Nash.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. C. B. Tracy.

General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Corbin Kidder.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Benjamin R. Allen.

General Association of New York, Rev. Wayne Gridley.

The following persons were invited to sit as Honorary Members :—

Rev. Dana Lamb, Vermont.
Rev. E. Parmalee, New York.
Rev. Robert Baird, Europe.
Rev. Hiram Bingham, Sandwich Islands.
Rev. Reuben Tinker, do.
Rev. Alvin Cobb, Massachusetts.

Rev. Thomas Robbins, D. D., was chosen Moderator, Rev. Joseph H. Towne, Scribe, and Rev. Alexander J. Sessions, Assistant Scribe.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and the Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed : —

Rev. Messrs. Bisbee and Mann, a Committee on Elections.

Rev. Dr. Snell, Rev. Dr. Cooley, and Rev. Mr. Davis, a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Sanford, and E. L. Clark, a Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Account.

Rev. Messrs, Blodgett, Austin and Sabin, a Committee of Nomination.

Rev. Messrs. Aiken, Tracy, Rose, Packard and Prime, a Committee to Report on the State of Religion.

Rev. Messrs. Towne, Aiken and Crosby, a Committee of Publication.

Rev. Dr. Osgood, Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Mr. Bennett, a Committee of Nomination for Foreign Bodies.

Voted, That a communication from the Mendon Association be put into the hands of the Committee on Elections.

Voted, That Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, of Boston, be appointed the agents to print and circulate the Minutes of this Association.

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Mendon Association, expressing a wish to unite with this Association, presented a report in favor of granting the request, which was adopted.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part on the business to be brought before the Association.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned till half-past seven o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning, June 23. The Association met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer. The Minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Rev. Martin Moore, a delegate from this Body to the General Association of Connecticut, reported his attendance by letter.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

A resolution relative to the alteration of the 10th standing rule was reported, and passed to a second reading.

Rev. Dr. Cooley, and Rev. Messrs. Durfee and Prime, were appointed a Committee to draft a Minute in reference to Rev. Mr. Baird's Address, in behalf of the Foreign Evangelical Society.

This Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Ecclesiastical Body very cordially approve of the objects of the Foreign Evangelical Society, and commend it to the prayers and liberal patronage of the churches within our bounds.

Voted, That Middlesex Union be requested to appoint the Associational Preacher for the next year.

Voted, That Messrs. Mitchell, White, and Condit, of Hampshire Association, be a Committee to prepare the next Annual Pastoral Letter.

Rev. Silas Aiken was appointed second preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. Dr. Snell.

Voted, That from ten till half-past eleven o'clock, on Thursday, be appropriated to the hearing of addresses from the agents of Benevolent Societies; and that no speaker be allowed to occupy more than fifteen minutes.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association upon the subject of continuing the correspondence between this body and the General Association of New York, reported in favor of continuing the correspondence, and their report was adopted.

Rev. Drs. Emerson and Cooley, and Rev. Mr. Kidder, were appointed a Committee to Report on the subject of Sabbath Mails.

Rev. Messrs. Davis, Allen and Gridley, were appointed a Committee to Report on the subject of Temperance.

Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Messrs. Packard and Aiken, were chosen a Committee to Report the place of the next meeting

of the Association. This Committee reported that it should be held within the bounds of the Harmony Association, and their report was adopted. Westborough was subsequently fixed upon as the place.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Greene.

Attended to the narratives of the state of religion in the several District Associations. Reports were also presented from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church by Rev. Mr. Greene ; from the General Association of Connecticut, by Rev. Mr. Nash ; from the General Association of New Hampshire, by Rev. Mr. Tracy ; from the General Convention of Vermont, by Rev. Mr. Kidder ; from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, by Rev. Mr. Allen ; from the General Association of New York, by Rev. Mr. Gridley.

The Committee on Delegation to Foreign Bodies, reported the following as the representation to Foreign Bodies for the ensuing year, which was adopted : —

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Morris E. White,
Rev. Ralph Emerson, D. D. } Primaries.

Rev. Parsons Cooke,
Rev. Francis Norwood. } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Seneca White,
Rev. Henry B. Hooker. } Primaries.

Rev. Wm. Bement,
Rev. A. R. Baker. } Substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. J. W. Turner,
Rev. Asahel Bigelow. } Primaries.

Rev. Martin Tupper,
Rev. Francis Horton. } Substitutes.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Calvin Hitchcock,
Rev. John Orcutt. } Primaries.

Rev. Dr. Codman,
Rev. George W. Blagden. } Substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Joseph Vail,
Rev. Jonathan Bigelow. } Primaries.
Rev. Calvin Durfee,
Rev. Tertius S. Clark. } Substitutes.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Sumner G. Clapp,
Rev. Charles Rockwell, } Primaries.
Rev. Benjamin Ela,
Rev. Samuel Worcester. } Substitutes.

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. Wm. P. Paine,
Rev. Homer Barrows, } Primaries.
Rev. Aaron Pickett,
Rev. Emerson Davis. } Substitutes.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Auditing Committee report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and find them correct; and also, that there is in the Treasury a balance of $12 09. The Committee recommend that an assessment of fifty cents be made upon the members of the several District Associations, to defray the expenses of this body the year ensuing.

Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Dr. Robbins, and Rev. Mr. Bisbee, were appointed a Committee to confer with Rev. Mr. Tyler, relative to a communication from the General Association of Connecticut.

Voted, To adopt and publish in the Minutes the plan relative to systematic benevolent operations, recommended to this body the last year.

Voted to adjourn to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

Wednesday evening, by direction of the Association, a sermon was preached in behalf of Home Missions, by Rev. Mr. Mann.

Thursday morning, June 24. The Association met pur-

suant to adjournment; the roll was called, and the meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the General Association of Connecticut presented the following resolution, which was adopted, as amended.

Resolved, That we approve of the publication of the Cambridge Platform, in its simple form, in the volume about to be published by that Body, consisting of the Saybrook Platform, with Notes, and a Digest of Notes and Usages; and that this resolution be communicated to the Committee of the Connecticut Association.

The Committee on the subject of Temperance reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

We have heard with great satisfaction of the progress of Temperance among inebriates, and of the interest awakened among children by the formation of Juvenile Associations; and believing that the traffic and manufacture of alcoholic drinks must cease, when drunkards are reformed, and the children and youths organized into Temperance Societies: Therefore,

Resolved, That we highly approve of these modes of promoting the cause of Temperance, and would recommend the formation of the young into such societies; and the procuring lectures from reformed drunkards.

The following resolution submitted by the Committee on the 10th Rule, was adopted: —

Resolved, That the Delegates of this Association be requested to procure the following addition to the 10th Rule of the General Association of Massachusetts; to wit,

"But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association."

Rev. Dr. Emerson, Rev. Messrs. Durfee and Cobb, were appointed a committee to consider what action (if any) this Association should take on the subject of slavery. This committee presented their report, which was recommitted; and the Rev. Dr. Osgood, and the Rev. Messrs. Prime and Brown, were added to the Committee.

The Committee on the subject of Sabbath Mails presented their report, which was amended and adopted, as follows: —

Whereas, we believe the Sabbath to be an institution of Divine appointment, the desecration of which is offensive to God,

and destructive in its tendency of the liberty and prosperity of the nation, no less than of the individual: Therefore,

Resolved, That we regard with apprehension and alarm the extensive profanation of this sacred institution in our land, and especially the sanction given to this violation of God's law by the government of the United States, in the continued conveyance of Sabbath Mails, and the employment of many thousands of people in work of neither necessity nor mercy. And we would call on the friends of the Sabbath and of our country, to engage in fervent and persevering prayer to God, that he would incline the hearts of our rulers to use the authority committed to them for the removal of an evil so deeply to be deplored.

Voted, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Post Master General, by the Moderator, signed by him and the Scribe.

Rev. Mr. Riddel was heard in behalf of the American Education Society.

Rev. Mr. Bingham presented the claims of Foreign Missions; and the following resolution offered by him, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Snell, was adopted: —

Whereas, God has made ample provision for the salvation of the world, and has commanded those who know and love him to make this provision known to all men, and has put into the hands of his people of the present generation the means of giving the gospel to the unevangelized of all nations, and requires and reasonably expects them to do this before the mass of the unevangelized of the present generation shall be called with themselves to his bar, and, whereas, the most inviting openings which he is making for missionary efforts in the four quarters of the globe, and the recent wonderful displays of his grace in connection with the dissemination of the Scriptures and the preaching of the Gospel, especially in the isles of the sea, and the promised glorious ministrations of his spirit in connection with his appointed means, all demand our adoring gratitude, raise the hope and courage of the friends of Christ, and strongly impel them to the most vigorous and timely efforts to save the lost now within our reach: Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily recommend to every Pastor and every Church in our connection that they abound in sympathies, in prayers, and in unwonted efforts for the conversion of the world; and that every Church should not only be emphatically an Aaron and Hur Society for upholding the hands of

Christ's heralds to the heathen, but at this interesting and most favorable crisis should increase as far as possible their contributions to the missionary cause for securing this grand object to which the exalted Saviour who bled for it, and all Heaven are now looking with intense desire and holy expectation.

The cause of Home Missions, and the claims of the American Home Missionary Society, were presented by Rev. Milton Badger.

Rev. Asa Bullard was heard in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

The Committee on the subject of Slavery made the following report which was adopted : —

Whereas, this Association having repeatedly expressed their views respecting the moral character of slavery, and the evils arising out of it, believe that a friendly correspondence with some ecclesiastical body, in some one of the Slave States, might possibly have a favorable influence upon emancipation : Therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to open such correspondence ; and, if practicable, report to this Association at the next meeting.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Josiah Clark, Durfee, Sessions, Orin Fowler, and Rev. Dr. Ide, be appointed a Committee to carry into effect the preceding resolution ; and that this Committee have liberty to appoint their own Chairman.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion, presented their report which was accepted, and placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee to be printed under their direction.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. Messrs. Knapp and Davis, and the people of their charge, who have extended to us their hospitalities, for their christian kindness ; and also to the choir of singers who have aided our devotions by their acceptable performance.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met according to adjournment, and attended to the public religious services usually connected with the last Session of this Body. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Kidder, of Vermont. Rev. Alvin Cobb preached the Associational Sermon from James i, 18. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then adminis-

tered, in which exercise Rev. Messrs. Bingham and Allen made addresses and offered prayer.

Voted, That these Minutes be adopted as the Minutes of the Association.

After uniting in prayer with the Rev. Dr. Cooley, the Association adjourned sine die.

THOMAS ROBBINS, *Moderator.*

JOSEPH H. TOWNE, *Scribe.*

Westfield, June 24, 1841.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

A review of the past year imposes upon us the duty of a devout acknowledgment of the goodness of God. The churches of Christ in this ancient Commonwealth, which have so long enjoyed the protection of God's Providence, and shared in the refreshing influences of his grace, have now renewed occasion to speak of the faithfulness of their glorious head. Not that they have been without trials and rebukes consequent upon sin. A few of the District Associations speak of criminal indifference to the honor of Christ; of the absence of the reviving power of the Holy Ghost, and of instances of decay in the spirit of godliness. In some churches there have been strifes, and some have been invaded by errors and false doctrines, drawing away the unstable; and some speak with grief of the neglect of christian ordinances; the desecration of the Sabbath by the public conveyance of mails, and by travelling. In all these things we see occasion for humiliation and penitence.

Yet, that the Lord has been very merciful to these churches, a brief reference to the Associational Reports will clearly show: —

The Berkshire Association report, that " two of their number, Rev. Joseph L. Mills of Becket, and Rev. Edwin W. Dwight of Stockbridge, have closed their labors on earth, and gone to receive their reward at the hand of their Divine Master. But amid such afflictive visitations, they say, " We have still abundant reasons to rejoice in the mercy of God, that he has not forgotten to be gracious, and has not withheld the in-

fluences of his Spirit necessary to give success to the preaching of the Gospel." Some of the churches have been blessed with revivals of religion, especially Lee, Richmond, and the congregation at Housatonic-Ville. "Williams College has likewise shared to some extent in the special blessings of Heaven, and is steadily increasing in influence and prosperity."

The Hampshire Association say, "In reviewing the dealings of God with his heritage in our county the past year, while we find occasion to be deeply humbled, in view of the remissness of the Lord's professed followers, we have cause for thankfulness that the Lord has visited several of the churches and congregations with more than ordinary blessings." During the year one of their number, Rev. Vincent Gould of South Hampton, has been removed by death. Amherst College, though "embarrassed for the want of funds," is still reported as in a flourishing condition. The Institution numbers 157 students, of whom more than 90 are professedly the servants of Christ. The Mount Holyoke Female Seminary is in a prosperous condition. A revival has been in progress during the year, and nearly all of the 113 members of the Institution are hopefully pious.

The Hampden Association report, that "peace and union" and increased attention to the means of grace are manifest in their churches. North Wilbraham, Southwick, 1st Parish in West Springfield, and 1st Parish in Springfield, have been specially visited by the Holy Spirit, while eight or nine other places have been marked by uncommon religious interest.

The Franklin Association report, an interesting revival in the Church in Bernardston, as the fruits of which 30 have been added to that small Church; also several cases of conversion in Shelburne, and a good degree of harmony among all their ministers and churches.

All the churches of the Brookfield Association are now supplied with Pastors, excepting one. The monthly concert of prayer is observed in all the churches, and the spirit of benevolence is on the increase. Though unable to report powerful revivals, they speak of the year as "crowned with distinguished blessings."

The Report of the Harmony Association speaks with devout gratitude of several interesting revivals, especially in Milbury, Grafton, Sutton, and Upton. Of the 45 received into the Church in Sutton, 34 are under 25 years of age, and 19 are young men. The number received to the Church in

Upton is 82. Many others indulge hope, and the special interest continues. The venerable Pastor of this Church speaks of it as a joyful and marvellous work of grace.

The Worcester Central Association speak of more than usual prosperity. " Most of the churches have been blessed, in a greater or less degree, with the special influences of the Holy Spirit;" particularly Oxford, Leicester, and Holden. Mention is made of " increased numbers" and an " improved state of piety" in nearly all their churches.

In the Worcester North Association, " the word of God is proclaimed in all their churches, with some tokens of the Divine presence and blessing." The congregations in Athol, Petersham, and Templeton, are enlarged and considerable additions made to several churches.

In the Middlesex Union Association the churches most favored, are those in Leominster, Lunenberg, Groton, Harvard, Bolton, and Westford. To the last, sixty-four have been added as the fruits of a precious revival.

Framingham and Sudbury in the Middlesex South Association have been visited by the Holy Spirit, and considerable numbers gathered into the churches.

In the Woburn Association, West Reading, Stoneham, and Woburn, are spoken of as revived. In Woburn more than one hundred have been received to the Church.

The Andover Association report 540 additions to their churches during the year. The churches in Lowell, North Reading, and Andover South Parish, are those most favored. The Theological Seminary is in a healthful and prosperous condition. Number of students 150. A missionary spirit is still cherished in the Institution. Several have consecrated themselves to the work of God in foreign lands.

The Essex North Association speak of the past year as one of peculiar prosperity. West Amesbury, West Bradford, (including the Female Academy in that place,) and Centre Church in Haverhill, are particularly specified as favored of God in regard to Divine influence.

The Essex South Association report all their 25 churches as supplied with Pastors, excepting one, the church in Topsfield, which has recently become destitute. Nearly all are highly prosperous, and have received additions to their numbers. Thirty-eight have been added to the South Church in Salem. Rockport, Lynn, and North Danvers, have also been revived.

The North and South Suffolk Associations embracing the Evangelical Churches of Boston and the immediate vicinity, report the addition of about 700 to the churches during the year; chiefly the fruits of an interesting revival, which commenced in nearly all of them in the beginning of 1840. A revived state of feeling continued through the year. They speak of a "good degree of union, and on the part of ministers and people, a growing attachment to the ordinary means of grace, and a more confident reliance upon them, as the means to be used for the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers."

The Norfolk Association report great unanimity and harmony as prevailing among all their ministers and churches: They say, that "the way of the Lord is evidently preparing among them, for greater things than they have yet seen." Some of the churches have been highly favored during the past year.

The Taunton Association speak of occasion to praise God for spiritual blessings. Many congregations have had reason to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

Sixty-five have been added to the church in Fall River, — the fruits of a precious revival during the year.

The Report of the Old Colony Association speaks of a good work of Divine grace in New Bedford, Middleboro, and Centre Church in Rochester; and of more than usual attention in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. The Vineyard Sound Association report a revival of religion in Falmouth, bringing between 20 and 30 into the church, a large proportion of whom are heads of families.

We this year greet the Mendon Association as a constituent member of our Body, and look forward with confident anticipation of mutual good, from the union which has now been effected. From that Association of course we this year receive no particular report.

We are happy also in being able to speak of a growing interest in the various benevolent and philanthropic movements of the present day, designed to meliorate the condition of society, and communicate the blessings of the Gospel to the whole world.

Nearly every Associational Report speaks of a general and lively interest in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, of an increasing liberality in aiding benevolent objects even under the heavy pecuniary pressure of the times; of a growing zeal in promoting attendance upon public worship; of hopeful indica-

tions in the temperance cause, chiefly growing out of the zealous co-operation of reformed inebriates, who have become apostles in this work of reform ; and of a commendable attention to the religious training of the young, and to the cause of education generally.

We rejoice in being able to speak of the great goodness of God to those foreign Ecclesiastical Bodies with whom we are in friendly correspondence.

From the Presbyterian Church in the United States we have received warm assurances of their christian regard. They speak of harmony in their borders ; of old churches revived ; of new churches formed ; of large additions to the number of communicants ; of a growing interest in their Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions ; of education and of publication.

The General Conference of Maine, have this year favored us with no communication concerning the state of religion within their bounds.

From the General Association of New Hampshire we are happy to receive the assurances of prosperity. They speak to the praise of God's goodness of increasing harmony ; of revivals of religion ; of a strengthening attachment to permanency in the pastoral relation ; of an enlarging liberality in contributing to benevolent objects ; of the observance of the monthly concert of prayer ; of advancement in the temperance cause ; of Sabbath Schools and Maternal Associations, and education generally, as exciting much interest.

The Convention of Vermont report 202 churches, 97 settled Pastors, and 45 stated supplies. Their churches embrace 23,000 members. More than 1000 have been added the last year, making the net increase about 500. Several of these churches have enjoyed precious revivals of religion.

The Consociation of Rhode Island, is composed of 14 churches, among whom there prevails perfect harmony, — one mind and heart, — in striving together for the promotion of truth ; and the Lord is prospering them.

The General Association of New York, embraces eight local associations and 130 churches. Amid many severe trials arising from local causes, they yet make mention of the Lord's fostering care and protection, and express the hope that those things which have hitherto marred their beauty and strength, may be speedily removed. They earnestly solicit the friendly co-operation of the Congregational Bodies in New England.

From the General Association of Connecticut the most cheering tidings have been brought to us. To them the last has been

emphatically a year of the right hand of the Most High. Nearly every town on the Connecticut River, from its mouth to the northern limit of the State, has been refreshed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Yale College has richly shared in the blessing; and from 70 to 80 of the students have been brought, as is hoped, to consecrate their talents and lives to the service of Christ.

In view of all this, may we not say, "The Lord loveth Zion. He hath made her his habitation. Her name is graven upon his hands, and her memorial is ever before him. For my brethren and companion's sake I will now say, peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good."

PASTORAL LETTER.

Brethren, Beloved in the Lord, —

For many years past we have assumed the responsibility of annually addressing you upon subjects, which, in our apprehension, stand intimately connected with your spiritual prosperity and the glory of God our Savior.

You have been invited to look back to our Pilgrim Fathers and see how they labored, and prayed, and suffered, to establish churches and obtain liberty for themselves and their posterity to worship God without molestation in their own way. You have been invited to consider the great doctrine they embraced, and defended, and taught, and loved, which gave firmness to their resolution, and strength and perseverance in executing their high purposes amidst toils and perils. You have, moreover, been referred for an example worthy of imitation, to their devotedness to God, both hearty and consistent, and their reliance on Christ crucified for remission and everlasting life, "both unconditional and supreme."

We would *now* invite you to look to our pious ancestors and see the zeal with which they entered upon the duty of religiously training their children, and the diligence and ardor with which they prosecuted this work both difficult and indispensable. When they sought an asylum from oppression, they sought it not for themselves only, but for their posterity. When laying the foundations broad and deep of this new and now rising empire, they looked not so much on their own things, as

on the things of Christ and of generations unborn. The provision they early made for the intellectual culture and religious training of their children and their children's children, speak in praise both of their wisdom and piety. To this, under God, we are to attribute the vast amount of good that falls to our lot; and which may, dear brethren, by your watchfulness and fidelity, be the inheritance of your beloved offspring.

Our Puritan Fathers adopted for their own and cherished as their life, the worthy resolution of Joshua, "*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*" In some happy measure they carried this pious resolution into effect, which proved them to be neither insincere nor fickle-minded.

You remember what the Lord said of Abraham: he "shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him: For I know him, that he will *command his children and his household* after him; and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." And we presume you have not overlooked what the Apostle wrote to the Ephesian christians in respect to the religious training of their children. "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." These things were written, not for their sakes only to whom they were addressed, but also for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Consider then, beloved bethren, what is embraced in religiously educating your offspring as subjects of God's moral government, training in this state of mercy for a world of eternal retribution.

In discharging parental duty, you will dedicate your children to God in the sacred ordinance of his own appointment. He has committed them to your hands with the solemn charge, "take these children and train them up for me." And in performing this work, are you not, first of all, to set them apart to be the Lord's? The ready response from all pious parents will be, "Yes, this is our first duty to our offspring, and in heart we do consecrate them to God." Why not, then, we may inquire, put upon them the *token* of consecration which Divine wisdom and grace have appointed? — that token of the gracious covenant which God has established with his people?

Though under different dispensations, the true church is one; built upon the same foundation, and to whom belongs the all-comprehensive promise of the covenant of grace. "I will be your God, and ye shall be my people." This was the covenant established with Abraham, the father of all who be-

lieve. They are the children of God and constitute one church — one spiritual family, by faith in Christ Jesus. "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Those who, after the advent of the Son of God, believe on him, are heirs to the same rich blessings promised to Abraham, with whom the covenant of grace was first sealed. And, as he stood at the head of the church, now for the first time in visible form, and would have his children pious and separated from the world, God commanded him to put upon himself and upon his household the appointed token of separation, which sealed the covenant into which he had now entered.

When our Lord appeared in his public ministry and was going about doing good, he rebuked his disciples for discouraging believing parents from bringing their little children to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. This transaction and the reason he assigned why they should be brought to him, viz.: "For of such is the kingdom of Heaven," fully answer some fond objections of those who deny their children the token of dedication. And, brethren, this is not all the ground on which we stand in consecrating our offspring to God. For when our Lord had ascended to his Father, and the christian dispensation was fully introduced by substituting the Lord's Supper for the Passover; the first, for the seventh day Sabbath; and baptism for circumcision as the seal of the righteousness of faith and token of the covenant, the Apostle called upon the Assembly to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; "For the promise is unto you and *your children*, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Under the *new* dispensation then, "the promise is to you and *your children*," as it was under the old; and not only to the Jews, but also unto all that are afar off among the Gentiles, even as many as the Lord our God shall call to his kingdom. The promise is to them and *their children*. You will not then consider it an unmeaning, or unscriptural, or unauthorised transaction, while in heart you dedicate your children to God, to put upon them the token of God's gracious covenant, as he commanded it to be done at the first.

Do any of you, dear brethren, desire more light upon this subject to make the path of duty plain? You will find it by looking at some of the particular transactions of the Apostles in their ministry. When Lydia was converted under Paul's preaching, he baptized her, and also *her household*. And

when the jailer believed on Christ he was baptized and *all his straightway.* Why should not christians at this day follow their example, and believing parents set apart their households for God by putting upon them the token of his gracious covenant, and not account the children of the church unclean? And is it not a departure from the example of primitive christians, while it seems to be slighting the covenant into which God proposed to take believers and their seed?

Christians at this day ought not to be ignorant of the fact, and that you, dear brethren, may know it, we assure you upon the authority of the most credible and well-informed writers of the first four hundred years of the christian era, that the practice of baptizing the children of the church " was not instituted by councils; but received from Christ and his Apostles—that it was practised by the *whole* church and was ever in use." And we would further remind you, of the fact, that from the close of the fourth century to the beginning of the twelfth, a period of more than 700 years, there were no churches so far as is known, that did not practice infant baptism. The first *permanent* body of professed christians that denied baptism to their children arose in Europe in the *fifteenth century.* And you are aware that any practice in the church whose origin can be traced to any particular time since the Apostles *is not,* and *cannot be* of apostolic authority. Yet the denial of baptism to the children of the church can be traced to the fifteenth century as the time of its orign, and to Europe as the place. Whereas, the origin of infant baptism cannot be found short of the first century, when the practice of the Apostles was well known throughout the whole church.

Who is not acquainted with the fact, that for many years after our Puritan Fathers came to this country, believing parents in these colonies almost, if not entirely without exception, dedicated their offspring to God in christian baptism? And what, dear brethren, has been the influence of the almost universal practice of infant baptism in all the New-England colonies, except Rhode-Island? Does not the effect evidently speak in high commendation of the practice, and call upon you carefully to follow our pious ancestors in putting the token of the covenant upon your dear children, whom you have promised to train for God?

In view of all the considerations we have stated, how can any of you who profess subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ, and would have your offspring separate from the world, deny them the privilege of standing in an interesting and peculiar

relation to the church and the God of our fathers? If you are Christ's then are you Abraham's seed; but do you follow Abraham's example, if you deny to your household the token of the covenant? The Apostles on the faith of parents, baptized their household; but if you withhold your household, how are you in subjection to the authority of Christ who gave the Apostles their commission? The time was, when all professed christians in this section of our country, and especially, in those portions of it most distinguished for piety, and order, and steady habits, without one exception, set apart their children for God in the ordinance of baptism. They looked upon them as consecrated to God the Savior, and by this transaction were often reminded of their vows and obligation to bring them up in his fear. And would you be accounted worthy to be reckoned among the descendants of the Pilgrims, imitate their christian example and set apart your household to be holy to God by placing upon them the token of the everlasting covenant into which he condescends to receive his people and their seed.

Do any of you, brethren, neglect this duty to your offspring, because you do not perceive the use of it? We may ask in reply, must we perceive the particular use of what God requires, before it becomes our duty to yield obedience to his command? Did Abraham understand the particular use of sacrificing his son Isaac? And yet like a willing subject he obeyed without hesitation. Be it remembered, however, that God has established no useless institutions — none which can safely be neglected — none but what if duly observed, will contribute to the growth of the church and the salvation of men. And to what communities will you look to find the youth most generally and faithfully educated for Heaven, and where the church is most prosperous? To those from which infant baptism is excluded? Look around the land and see, and tell us your honest conviction. There is opportunity to compare even contiguous states as well as smaller communities, and learn the general influence and operation of the practice of infant dedication, and of its neglect. You may, indeed, find good christians and some flourishing churches who neglect this sacred institution. But then such churches are almost uniformly found surrounded with others who baptize their children. Should the churches that baptize their children become extinct, those which neglect this duty would inevitably decay amidst such a population as New-England. They must receive accessions from the baptized children of other churches, or they will languish.

If these things be so, and we believe that none can gainsay them, you will, brethren, be more fully convinced than ever, of the *importance* of the duty, and the solemn obligation lying upon you, to set your household apart for God in an ordinance of his own appointment. By placing upon them the token of dedication you tell the world, that you mean they shall be the children of Abraham's God. His willingness to take your offspring into a covenant relation to himself and his direction to put the token of this covenant upon them, while it should excite you to the solemn duty of their consecration, ought to fill your hearts with admiration and grateful praise. You will then feel it a duty, dangerous to neglect — a privilege, which none can innocently despise. If the angel of the Lord would slay Moses because he had been dissuaded by his unbelieving wife from putting the token of the covenant upon his children ; how shall christians in neglecting the same duty be clear of blame? God pronounced the neglect a breach of covenant. Wherefore beloved brethren, treat your children as proper subjects of baptism, and as beings whose apostate condition demands of you the diligent use of all the facilities in your hands for their sanctification that they perish not with the ungodly.

You will not, however, imagine, brethren, that your work is done, when you have given up your offspring to God. In this transaction you recognize your obligation to train them for him, and express your purpose, that as far as in you lies, they shall be God's people. This is but the beginning of your work, which is to be carried out by your continued efforts corresponding with the solemn act of dedication. You will then instruct them into the great principles and duties of christianity. However useful may be the instructions of the Sabbath School, they *do not*, and *ought not* to be made by any christian parent, to supersede religious instruction from his own mouth. Your children will probably know but very little about the fundamental truths of the gospel, unless you teach them yourselves, as our pious ancestors taught their children — " what be the first principles of the oracles of God." We would press upon your attention this great duty, that your children may know and be established in the truth, and by the truth be made free. You may find no better compend of christian doctrine to aid you in this work than the Assembly's Shorter Catechism, which was so generally and successfully used by our pious fathers. Trust not to others to indoctrinate your children without looking to it yourselves and exercising over the whole concern, a wise and faithful supervision. God has put this great work

into your own hands, and you cannot throw off the responsibility upon others, nor neglect the duty, but at an awful risk on the part of your offspring. God appointed a law in Israel that they should make known his wonders and his truth to their children; that the generations to come might know them, and declare them to their children, that they might set their hope in God and keep his commandments.

Nor does your duty, brethren, stop here. Both by your instructions and your example, let your children know, that, according to the command of God, there is a Sabbath of holy rest. Let them understand how sacred and precious the Sabbath is — how intimately connected with their own best good and the nation's prosperity, and that the Lord made it for man. Provide for them proper instruction in the sanctuary, and thither lead them from Sabbath to Sabbath, that they may learn to worship God where he so often manifests his glory, and by the victories of his grace makes Zion *more* glorious than the mountains of prey.

By publicly devoting your children to God, you virtually ask for them the prayer of the saints. And saints will pray for baptized children, training in the bosom of the church to be the sons and daughters of God Almighty. But, brethren, your own dwellings must be so many temples consecrated to God — your households so many little worshipping assemblies, in the midst of which you must minister as God's priests. While you are encouraged to hope, in answer to prayer, for spiritual blessings upon your offspring, you will find it comparatively easy, by offering the morning and evening sacrifice, to restrain, and govern, and order your households after you to keep the way of the Lord. But if like Eli, you neglect to restrain your children and have them in due subjection, you have reason to fear that by their violence they will cover you with shame, while they bring upon themselves the curse of God.

The work to which we are inviting your attention and which we would excite you to perform, you cannot commence too early, nor prosecute with too much energy and perseverance. It is a great work and of inconceivable importance. If the children of the church do not rise up in their father's stead, who shall stand up in their room, when they lie down in their beds of dust. Were religious trainings to cease in christian families, the church would soon become extinct and lands of gospel light be filled with practical infidelity and atheism.

Then, brethren, awake to the pleasant, but all-important duty of piously educating your children, that religion, pure and

undefiled, may be perpetuated in your posterity to the end of time. Let your love to them prompt you to your whole duty, beginning with their consecration to God who claims them for his own. If it be in your hearts to serve the Lord with your household, he will make you glad. His work will appear to his servants and His glory to their children, and the beauty of the Lord our God will be upon them. And instead of the fathers shall be your children who shall become kings and and priests unto God in all the land.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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May 28, 1841.	Received arrearages from Norfolk Association,	$9 50	
	" " Franklin Association,	7 50	
June 23, "	Received from the several District Associations, as follows, viz.		
	Berkshire Association,	10 00	
	Hampshire,	10 00	
	Hampden,	11 00	
	Franklin,	8 50	
	Brookfield,	9 50	
	Harmony,	5 50	
	Worcester Central,	8 50	
	Worcester North,	5 00	
	Mendon,	4 00	
	Middlesex Union,	8 00	
	Middlesex South,	7 00	
	Woburn,	2 50	
	Andover,	5 00	
	Essex North,	10 50	
	Essex South,	12 50	
	Suffolk North,	7 00	
	Suffolk South,	7 00	
	Norfolk,	11 00	
	Taunton,	7 00	
	Old Colony,	5 50	
	Brewster,		
	Vineyard Sound,	6 00	$178 00

Contra, Dr.

June 26, 1840.	To deficiency in Treasury,	29 16	
	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for General Association, for printing 900 copies of Minutes for 1840,	133 25	
	To travelling expenses of Secretary,	3 50	165 91
	Balance in the Treasury,		$12 09

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above and find it correct.

JAMES SANDFORD, } *Auditors.*
EBER L. CLARK, }

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1841.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sc. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible class.
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	47	89	136										150
" South,	Stillman Pratt,	Stated Supply.	1	4	5		1	1							100
Becket,	J. L. Mills,	June 5, 1806													
Dalton,	H. Boice,	June 17, 1835	40	94	134				2	14		16		5	90
Egremont,	Vacant,		13	38	51										35
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	50	125	175	9	2	11	3	11		14	1	4	300
Hinsdale,	Wm. A. Hawley,	July 16, 1817	40	77	117		4	4	7	4		11		6	172
Lanesboro',	I. Ferguson,	Stated Supply.	18	62	80	1	2	3	6			6		1	80
Lee,	Wm. B. Bond,	March 18, 1840	136	220	356	2	7	9	4	5		9		13	275
Lenox,	S. Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	118	188	306	2	6	8	8	8		16		3	170
New Marlboro', North,	Vacant,														
" South,	Samuel Utley,	March 14, 1838	21	48	69	4	2	6	1	2		3	1	6	70
Otis,	—— Gibson,														
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	81	116	197		1	1	4	5		9		2	250
Pittsfield,	H. N. Brinsmade,	Feb. 11, 1835	152	311	463	8	16	24	5	14		19	4	14	325
Richmond,	E. L. Clarke,	June 20, 1838	38	75	113				7	2		9		3	100
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	51	146	197		4	4		5		5		5	175
Sheffield,	J. Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	57	174	231		3	3	3	6	2	11	3	5	316
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	63	185	248	1	2	3	5	5		10		2	275
" Curtisville,	J. T. Headley,	June 17, 1840													
Tyringham South,	A. C. Page,	April 26, 1837	51	77	128	1	5	6	1	2		3			100
Washington,	K. Atkinson,	May 27, 1840	17	34	51	1	6	7		2		2	1	6	30
West Stockbridge,	Vacant,														
" Village,	Vacant,														
Williamstown,	Amos Savage,	Feb. 1840	196	261	457	23	9	32	1	15	2	18	14	19	
" South,	I. Tatlock,	Stated Supply.	20	41	61										40
" College,	M. Hopkins, D. D.														
Windsor,	P. Clarke,	Sept. 30, 1835	25	56	81				3	2		5		7	100
Canaan, 4 corners, N.Y.	J. J. Dana,	April 16, 1840	23	55	78		1	1	2			2		1	140
New Lebanon, N. Y.	John G. Hall,	Stated supply.	33	59	92	19	10	29	2			2	10	1	60
30	26		1291	2495	3786	71	81	152	64	102	4	170	34	104	3404

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, 1st,	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	89	183	272	63	36	99	6	16		22	18	34	300*
" 2d,	Nathan Perkins,	Oct. 10, 1810	63	129	192	1	2	3	6	5		11		12	170
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	50	81	131		2	2						10	250
" South,	Dana Goodsell,	April 21, 1841	34	61	95	1	1	2	6	9		15			140
" College,	H. Humphrey, D. D.	Feb. 23, 1823	38	7	45	2	13	15		17		17		1	
Belchertown,		Stated supply.	133	169	302	23	3	26	8	5		13	6	14	275*
" Brainerd chh.	George A. Oviatt,	Aug. 29, 1838	58	100	158	34	4	38	4	2		6	11	10	190*
Chesterfield,	Israel G. Rose,	Nov. 18, 1835	33	82	115	5	1	6	2	6		8	1	3	204
Cummington, 1st,		Stated supply.	28	69	97	26	6	32	2	12		14	5	17	100
" Village,	Royal Reed,	Sept. 11, 1839	30	46	76	1	25	26	2	3		5	1	2	180
" Hubbardsville,		Stated supply.	8	12	20										
East Hampton,	Payson Williston, William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	77	145	222	2	3	5	2	3	1	6		15	275
Enfield,	John Whiton,	Sept. 13, 1837	70	146	216	30	7	37	8	6		14	14	8	300*
Goshen,	J. C. Thompson,	Oct. 4, 1837	28	67	95	1	2	3		5		5		5	130
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	112	194	306	4	6	10	3	2		5	2	15	200
Greenwich,	Joseph H. Patrick,	Nov. 17, 1830	36	82	118	3	2	5	1	2		3	1	7	192
Hadley,	Francis Danforth,	Dec. 11, 1839	122	207	329	27	3	30		11		11	3		300*
" Upper Mills,		Stated supply.	35	55	90	4	3	7		3		3	1	3	116
Hatfield,	Henry Neal,	April 16, 1840	60	120	180	50	10	60	4	6		10	13	21	200*
Leverett,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	39	61	100				6	4		10		1	135
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 12, 1839	32	58	90		2	2	1	4		5		3	50
North Hampton,	Charles Wiley,	Nov. 8, 1837			600	41		41							404
" Edwards chh.	John Mitchell,	Dec. 8, 1836	86	143	229	32	21	53	3	13		16	4		260
Pelham,		Stated supply.	4	26	30										30*
Plainfield,		Stated supply.			220	72	10	82	5			5	28	7	200*
Prescott,	Francis Wood,	Oct. 2, 1839	19	39	58		2	2	3	4		7		1	90
South Hadley,	Joseph D. Condit,	July 8, 1835	76	161	237	4	11	15	6	6		12		12	200
" Canal,	Wm. W. Thayer,	Dec. 6, 1839	36	86	122		8	8	1	6	1	8		6	150
South Hampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	133	264	397	2	8	10	7	10		17		10	400
West Hampton,	Amos Drury,	June 29, 1837	60	86	146	6	2	8	5	4		9	2	5	150
Whateley,		Stated supply.	74	116	190	3	1	4	1	4		5	2	6	150
Williamsburgh,	David E. Goodwin,	Jan. 13, 1841	100	136	236		8	8	5	1		6	12	12	300
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	70	107	177	1	6	7	2	5		7		13	250
33	33		1833	3288	5911	438	208	646	99	174	2	275	124	243	6291

Without Pastoral Charge.—Jared Reed, John Ferguson, Luke Spofford, John Sanford, Roswell Hawkes, Gideon Dana, and William Tyler. *Last report.

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem	Total	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	46	110	156	1		1	1	10		11		4	150
Chester,	Vacant,		60	101	161										160
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	40	97	137				2	5	1	8		3	128
" West,	Calvin Foot,*		32	52	84		3	3		4		4		4	100
Longmeadow,	H. Bebee,	Oct. 18, 1837	73	123	195	24	7	41	2	6		8	14	10	167
" East,	M. Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	37	72	109	2	3	5	3	1		4		8	162
Ludlow,	A. Sanderson,	Jan. 2, 1839													
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	152	229	381		4	4	9	20	2	31		3	435
Montgomery,	Vacant,		15	50	65										40
Norwich,	E. B. Wright,	Stated supply.	44	81	125	1		1	2	2		4		11	100
Palmer,	Vacant,		50	131	181										280
Russell,	Vacant,				15										
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838	13	49	62	1		1		8		8			45
Springfield,	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1803	243	315	558			12	9	9		18	2	9	336
" Chickopee,	Eli B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	30	58	88	13	4	17	1	3		4	9	4	125
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	46	92	138	3	10	13		7		7	1	5	210
" Chickopee Falls,	E. P. Rogers,	Nov. 4, 1840	30	90	120			7		8		8		1	220
" Cabotville,	S. C. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	39	116	155	29	29	58	2	5		7			240
Tolland,	Vacant,		15	35	50										60
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	Jan. 1, 1836	96	267	363	3	7	10	7	11	1	19	1	8	350
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1833	93	180	273	8	12	20	3	10		3	4	4	350
" Ireland,	Hervey Smith,	1833			98	5	6	11		8	1	9	2	3	100
" Agawam,	R. S. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	67	95	162										80
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,*		20	58	78		5	5	2	3		5			60
Wilbraham,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	59	118	177		1	1	4	1		5		2	130
" South,	James A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	25	57	82	1		1	1	1		2	1		96
Total, 26	22		1324	2576	4013	101	91	211	48	122	5	175	34	79	4024

* Called for settlement.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840	87	149	236	1	1	2	2	4		6	1	9	300
Bernardston,	Frederic Janes,	Nov. 4, 1840	24	44	68	9	2	11		5		5		5	90
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	55	105	160	4	9	13	11	2		13	2	7	325
Charlemont,	*John D. Smith,	Nov. 20, 1839	43	84	127		5	5	3	9		12			200
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	18	48	66	1	1	2		7	2	9	1	1	80
Conway,	M. G. Wheeler,	June 19, 1834	79	176	255	1	10	11	7	11	1	19	1	8	225
Deerfield, North,	Pomroy Belden,	Stated supply.	18	48	66	2	3	5	1	4		5	1	1	80
" South,	William M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	55	100	155	9	9	18	8	1		9	4	9	180
Erving,	Vacant,		3	10	13				1			1			50
Ervingville,	Vacant,		8	14	22				1			1			70
Gill,	*Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 27, 1830	6	28	34		1	1	2			2			97
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	12	33	45		2	2	1			1		6	72
" 2d,	Samuel Washburn,	Aug. 2, 1837	34	80	114		9	9	1	7		8		6	75
Hawley, East,	Tyler Thacher,	May 14, 1834	60	85	145	1	2	3	1	8	4	13		3	80
" West,	Moses Miller,	May 20, 1840	20	28	48				2	4		6		3	80
Heath,	*Samuel W. Emerson,	Sept. 16, 1840	64	117	181	5	3	8		2		2		6	200
Montague,	*James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	37	72	109	4	2	6	2			2	3	3	70
New Salem,	Erastus Curtis,	Oct. 23, 1834	27	63	90	3		3	2	5		7	2	2	100
Northfield,	*Nathaniel Richardson,	Oct. 21, 1840	19	60	79	1	5	6		3		3		3	110
Rowe,	Andrew Govan,	Sept. 4, 1838	13	29	42	2	1	3						2	65
Shelburne,	Theop. Packard, D D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	Theop. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	63	117	180	18	3	21	5	6		11	2	6	270
Shutesbury,	Martyn Cushman,	Stated supply.	16	38	54	2	1	3		1		1	2	4	43
Sunderland,	*Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	70	109	179				3	4		7		4	175
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	15	38	53		1	1		8		8		4	160
Wendell,	Salmon Bennett,	May 2, 1838	68	116	184	1	5	6	2	5		7		5	190
Total, 25	18		914	1791	2705	64	75	139	55	96	7	158	19	93	3387

*Not connected with the Association. *Without Pastoral Charge.*—Rev. William Riddle, Rev. Samuel Ware, Rev. Urbane Hitchcock, Rev. L. L. Langstroth.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec	Total	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
New Braintree,	John Fisk,	Oct. 26, 1796	37	103	140	1	1	2	1			1	2	4	108
Brookfield, North,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1793	77	159	236	2	2	4	1	8		9	2	25	420
" South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801													
	W. A. Nichols,	Sept. 12, 1838	32	71	103	3		3		1		1	2	3	99
Brimfield,	Joseph Vaill,	Nov. 1, 1837	81	169	250	5	6	11	5	4		9	1	6	375
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	27	73	100	2	4	6	2	4	1	7	1	2	
Oakham,	Daniel Tomlinson,	June 22, 1786													
	James Kimball,	Dec. 24, 1832	50	118	168	1	4	5	3	7		10	1	4	400
Brookfield, West,	Francis Horton,	Aug. 15, 1832	144	265	409	2	5	7	7	3		10	1	8	300
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	50	101	151	4	16	20	6	7		13	2	11	180
*Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836													
Sturbridge.	D. R. Austin,	May 1, 1839	109	204	313	5	3	8	4	3		7	1	3	340
*Ware, East,	William E. Dickson,				150										
" West,	Vacant,														
Barre,	—— More,		69	128	177	1	3	4							280
Holland,	James Sanford,	Stated supply.	17	45	62				1	1		2			50
Dudley,	Walter Follett,	Nov. 2, 1837	56	121	177		4	4	1	6		7	1	6	200
Hardwick,	Barnabas Fay,	May 20, 1840	49	100	149	7	2	9	1	9		10	1	5	150
*Petersham,															
(Storrsville,)	James C. Haughton,				34	4	5	9							104
Charlton,	G. W. Underwood,	Feb. 12, 1840	17	73	90	6	3	9	3	8		11	5	1	125
Total, 19	19		815	1730	2729	43	58	~~98~~ 101	35	61	1	97	20	78	3161

*Not reported.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Douglass, 1st chh.	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	26	79	105		2	2	2			2		4	80
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 13, 1838	77	160	237	25	9	34	4	3	1	8	13	23	300
Hopkinton,	John C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	34	101	135	3		3	1	1		2	2	2	200
Millbury, 1st cong. chh.	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	54	116	170	26	6	32	3	14		17	11	1	200
" Grass Hill,	S. Holman,	July 1, 1840			36	13	4	22	1			1	14		80
Northbridge,	Lewis Pennel,	April 3, 1839	36	66	102		5	5		5		5		1	100
" Village,	Michael Burdett,	April 18, 1835			91	11	10	21	3	4		7	3		150
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	84	176	260	45	2	47	7	4		11	25	7	200
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796	84	179	263	32		32	4			4	50		436
Uxbridge,	D. A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	54	186	240	6	5	11	1	9	1	10	3	8	320
Westborough,	C. B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	102	220	322	6	8	14	3	5		8	2	9	
Total, 11	11		551	1283	2011	222	51	273	29	45	2	75	123	55	2066

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Hubbardston,	Samuel Gay,	Oct. 17, 1810	53	137	190	5		5	3	8		11	2	10	175
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	91	150	241	33	6	39	5	16		21	8	11	208
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1813	88	152	240	5	3	8	2	6		8	3	5	375
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct 22, 1828	64	131	195	10	4	14	1	3		4	1	10	180
Shrewsbury,	Vacant,														
*Paxton,															
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	100	211	311	35	12	47	6	10		16	15	13	290
East Douglass,	John Boardman,	Feb. 25, 1835													
Worcester, 1st par.	R. A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			275	4	2	6				12	8		300
" Calvinistic,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	73	183	256	5	13	18	5	21		26	2	11	275
" Union,	E. Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	81	114	195	18	29	47	2	13		15	12	13	422
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	146	255	401	2	8	10	7	8		15		10	300
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	58	81	139	3	5	13	2	6		8	5	14	200
Northboro',	Vacant,														
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	65	122	187	2	2	4		5		5	1	9	200
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	75	167	242	10	4	14	1	14	4	19	3	6	350
Berlin,	Robert Carver,	Nov. 21, 1838	36	57	93	12	1	13	1	1	1	3		2	175
Princeton,	Willard M. Harding,	May 20, 1840			240	16	7	23	3	6		9	6	6	250
Total, 18	15		840	1750	3205	135	96	261	38	117	5	172	66	120	3700

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WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Ashburnham,	George Goodyear,	Oct. 10, 1832	96	178	274	2	2	4	4	3	1	8	10	13	250
Athol,	Richard M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	81	134	215	9	3	12	3	6	3	12	7	12	195
Gardner,	Sumner Lincoln,	June 16, 1824			200										100
Petersham,			25	52	77					4		4		2	150
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	59	140	199	1	2	3	9	7		16		6	247
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	49	101	150	4	3	7	3	3		6		6	
" South,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Dec. 13, 1838	20	33	53		1	1	1	3		4		1	75
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	40	61	101	7	7	14		1	4	5	4	5	129
Westminster,	Cyrus Mann,	Feb. 22, 1815	118	237	355	52	1	53	5	7	2	14	17	2	200
Winchendon,			72	160	232	6	1	7	4	4	4	12	3	1	130
Total, 10	8		460	1096	1756	31	20	101	29	38	14	31	31	48	1476

Without Pastoral Charge.—Daniel O. Morton and Columbus Shumway.

MENDON ASSOCIATION.*

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Foxborough,	Daniel Poor,														
Franklin,	Tertius D. Southworth,														
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,														
Medway, Village chh.	David Sanford,														
" 2d chh.	Jacob Ide, D. D.														
Milford,	David Long,														
Wrentham, 1st chh.	Elisha Fiske,														
Total, 7	7														

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. C. Park, D. D.

*Not reported.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	83	132	215										
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 13, 1839			158	1	2	3	1	3		4		8	200
Bolton,	J. W. Peabody,	Stated supply.	32	68	100										
Boxboro',	Vacant,		21	59	80										
Carlisle,	Preserved Smith,	Aug. 31, 1836	9	34	43						1	1			75
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	36	73	109	4	2	6	1	1		2		3	150
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	102	227	329	9	5	14	3	13		16	5	11	488
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	100	135	235	14	8	22	2	4		6	6	8	150
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	111	157	6	1	7	3	4		7	1	3	150
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	18	36	54	5	12	17	2					4	160
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	54	104	158	30	9	39	2	1		3	11	9	250
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	18	47	65	8	7	15	1			1	3	1	141
Littleton,	James C. Bryant,	Oct. 28, 1840	16	21	37	4	2	6	1			1	3	2	80
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	144	246	390	1	9	10	9	9		18		11	400
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	19	57	76	1	1	2		2		2	1	2	140
*Stow,	E. P. Dyer,														
Townsend,	David Stowell,	June 28, 1837	112	221	333										
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	69	124	193	58	4	62	4	17		17	19	8	225
Total, 18	17		879	1695	2732	141	62	203	29	54	1	77	47	70	3409

*Not reported.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Concord,	James Means,	Jan. 8, 1840	19	74	93	4	6	10		7	1	8	3	6	120
Framingham, { Hollis Evan. chh.	David Kellogg, D. D. / David Brigham,	Jan. 10, 1781 / Dec. 29, 1836	60	165	225	29	4	31	1	1	1	3	7	5	210
Holliston,	John Storrs,	Dec. 20, 1836	56	129	185	2	5	7	5	1		6		13	250
Marlborough,	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	45	106	151	7	3	10	2	3		5	1	4	
Lincoln,	E. C. Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	23	69	92	3		3	7	5		12		3	145
Medway, 1st,	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	53	87	140	1	7	8	2	2		4	1	5	125
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	51	111	162	2	6	8						5	375
Needham, West,	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	25	74	99	2	2	4						4	140
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	8	35	43					3		3			150
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	46	113	159	5	2	7	4	3		7	1	1	160
Southborough,	Jacob Cummings,	March 1, 1838	41	71	112			10	4			4		11	
Sudbury,			55	115	170	41	3	44	1			1	13	5	225
Unionville,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	24	48	72	1	3	4		1		1	1	5	200
Wayland,	Lavius Hyde,	July 22, 1835	14	71	85	4		4						5	90
Dover,	George Champion,	Stated supply.	9	20	29	11		11					5	13	50
Total, 15	15		529	1288	1817	112	41	162	26	26	2	54	32	90	2240

Licentiates.—Hervey Newcomb and William B. Tappan.

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Burlington,	Samuel Sewall,	1814	28	57	85				3	3	2	8			
Woburn,	J. Bennett,	1822	136	362	498	103	17	120	6	112	1	118	36	8	300
Wilmington,	F. Norwood,	1831	30	88	118	1	5	6							
Reading,	A. Pickett,	1833	95	153	248	16		16							220
" South,	R. Emerson,														
*Stoneham,	J. Haven,	1840			73										
*Billerica,	B. Ela,														
*Bedford,	J. Leavitt,				154										
*Tewsbury,	G. Coggin,	1806			186										
Total, 9	8		289	660	1362	120	22	142	9	115	3	121	36	8	520

*Not reported.

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Lowell, 1st,	A. Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	98	687	785	86	54	140	6	46	1	53	50	11	550
" Appleton-st.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	110	446	556	34	34	118	5	50	2	57	30		522
" John-st.	S. W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840			396	77	66	143		27		27			
Andover, South par.	J. S. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	166	355	521	30	10	40	9	14		23	11	18	500
" West par.	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	72	145	217	13	2	15	2	2		4	6	19	300
" North par.	Jesse Page,	Sept. 9, 1835	21	65	86	6	7	13		1		1	4	13	200
" Chapel chh.	J. Edwards,	Sept. 1836			100	2	6	8						1	150
North Reading,	J. Orcutt,	July 12, 1837	25	60	85	12		12	1		1	2	4		125
North Chelmsford,	B. F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	25	30	55	20	11	31	1			1	14	3	75
Dracut, West,	Vacant,				147	5									120
* " Evan. chh.	Vacant,														
Methuen,	J. C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839			200	2	3	5	11	9	2	22	1	5	275
Total, 12	10		517	1788	3143	337	193	525	35	149	6	190	120	70	2817

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ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	L. W. Clark,	Nov. 1, 1837	65	130	195	35	2	37	2	1		3	13	2	150
" Mills,	—— Merrill,		49	118	167	5	4	9	1	1		2	4	5	
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837	23	53	76	2	2	4						7	110
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836			182	15	1	16	4			4	10	2	250
" East,	G. B. Perry,	Sept. 23, 1814			203										215
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	45	100	145	2		2	3	3		6		5	175
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797			162										250
Haverhill,	E. A. Lawrence,	May 3, 1839	53	116	169	43	8	51	2			2	18	15	175
" North,	—— Oliphant,	Stated supply.													
" East,	Y. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835	13	33	46	2	1	3	3	2		5			66
" West,	A. Cross,	June 18, 1831	32	83	115										135
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	48	136	184	3	2	5	7	2		9	2	12	200
" Linebrook,	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816													
" Belleville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	50	97	147				3	4	1	8		1	150
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. chh.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 3, 1819	68	290	358	2	12	14	6	10	1	17		11	200
" Temple-st. chh.	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837	100	201	301	4	1	5	3			3			404
Rowley,	—— Pike,		33	67	100										175
Salisbury, (R. Hill,)	B. Sawyer,	Stated supply.			52										75
W. Newbury, East,	—— Sheldon,	Stated supply.	26	49	75		1	1	2	7		9			
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	57	123	180		4	4	5	2	1	8		6	150
Total, 22	20		662	1596	2258	113	38	151	41	32	3	76	47	66	2460

ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Beverly, 3d chh.	J. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	65	160	225	2	2	4	2	2		4		6	170
" Washington-st.	Wm. Bushnell,	Jan. 3, 1838	23	91	119	6	3	9	3	1		4	2	5	100
" North,	John Foote,	Stated supply.	3	21	24				1			1			45
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	17	37	54	1	1	2	3	1				3	150
Danvers, North,	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	50	140	190	6	1	7	2	1		3	2	18	250
" South,	Thomas P. Field,	Oct. 1, 1840	25	144	169	2	1	3	2			2		3	150
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	47	91	138	4	5	9	1	2		3	1	5	226
Gloucester,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	21	85	106	31	7	38	2	2		4	14	12	220
" Annisquam par.	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	9	17	26	5		5						2	70
" West par.	Isaac Brown,	Nov. 11, 1840	11	26	37	19		19					6	15	40
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3. 1834	27	83	100	4	1	5	1	2		3			130
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	31	113	144		1	1	4	2		6		3	175
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	43	126	169	11	2	13	4	6		10	3	9	250
Lynnfield,	H. S. Green,	Dec. 27, 1837	15	45	60	4	1	5		1		1		4	90
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839			300	32	1	33	3	2		5	11	25	450
Marblehead,	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	61	260	321	4	1	5	6		1	7		12	250
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	54	100	154	5	1	6	2	1		3	1	8	215
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	124	204	328	1	2	3	6	3	1	10	1	23	365
Salem, Crombie-st. ch.	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1833	41	145	186	15	4	19	2	4	2	8	5	3	180
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840	47	100	147	13	10	23		1		1	5	6	140
" South,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805	73	282	355	40	6	46	7	1		8	18	9	403
" Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	94	338	432	27	3	30	5	18	5	28	13	24	500
Saugus,	Moses Sawyer,	Stated supply.	8	15	23	2		2	1	1		2	1	1	75
Topsfield,	James F. McEwen,	May 5, 1830	58	129	187	2		2	5	2	1	8	2	4	100
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	35	65	100	1		1	5	2		7		1	140
Total, 25	25		1007	2687	3994	237	43	288	67	55	10	120	85	199	4885

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Green-st.	William Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	38	170	208	19	3	22		4		4	10	6	203
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	77	368	445	7	11	18	3	10		13	1	15	120
" Salem-st.	Joseph H. Towne,	June 2, 1837	140	313	453	52	21	73	3	14	2	19			400
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 1832	192	348	540	27	26	53	3	15	2	20	14	25	230
" Franklin-st.	William M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	108	181	289	40	26	66		3		3	13	21	200
" East,			23	41	64	4	7	11		1	1	2			90
*Cambridge, Shep. chh.	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835													
" Port,	William A. Stearns,	Dec. 11, 1831	67	146	213	51	15	66	3	1		4	21	30	140
Charlestown, 1st chh.	W. J. Buddington,	April 22, 1840				16	5	21	4	17	1	22		16	343
" Winthrop,	Daniel Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	74	161	235	31	25	56	2	6	1	9	13	6	315
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	60	120	180	20	3	23	6	3		9	3	27	200
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	26	59	85	23	2	25		6		6	8	2	93
*Newton, 1st,															
" 2d,	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	34	58	92	3	1	4	1	3		4	1	1	85
*Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838													
*Chelsea,	Benjamin F. Clark,	Nov. 20, 1839	15	33	48	3	1	4	2	2		4	1	1	55
Total, 16	14		839	1955	2794	293	142	435	25	83	7	135	89	149	2469

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadly, Asa Bullard, and Seth Bliss.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Boston, Pine-st.			74	187	261	17	14	31	1	24		25			250
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	127	401	523	45	17	62	6	15	2	23	17	19	300
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	142	388	530	56	18	74	6	19		25	20	10	260
* " Mariners,	Daniel M. Lord,		62	58	120										
† " Free,															
S. Boston, Phillips chh.	J. H. Fairchild,	Nov. 22, 1827	56	145	201	33	15	48	3	14	1	18	17	11	
Brighton,	Samuel Lamson,	Sept. 20, 1837	48	98	146	11	4	15	1	13		14			155
Dedham, 1st chh.	E. Burgess, D D.	March 14, 1821	62	194	256	7	5	12	1	6		7	2	9	300
Roxbury,			53	102	155	16	7	23	1	10		11		14	
" West,	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	17	52	69	13	3	16		3		3	9	13	100
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1823	31	96	127	3		3	5	1		6	2	3	120
Total, 11	8		672	1721	2393	289	83	284	24	105	3	132	67	79	1420

*As last year.
†Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Louis Dwight, William Cogswell, D. D., A. A. Phelps, S. S. Smith, Joseph S. Clark, David Greene, and John S. C. Abbott.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Abington,	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	35	61	96	2		2	1	6		7	1	1	126
" 4th chh.	Willard Pierce,	April 3, 1840	34	37	71	17	6	23	1			1	15		175
Braintree,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	44	133	177	1	3	4	6	2		8		2	165
" South.	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	14	28	42	1	1	2	2			2		4	150
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	67	130	197	1	1	2	1			1		6	200
Bridgewater,	Ebenezer Gay,	Jan. 29, 1823	32	56	88	1	4	5	2	1		3	1		40
Canton,	Vacant,		5	12	17				1			1		2	
Cohasset,	Martin Moore,	Sept. 3, 1833	18	69	87										130
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	29	89	118	4	1	5	4		2	6	2		100
Dorchester,	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	92	251	343	32	3	35	3	8		11	8	26	125
" Village,	Daniel Butler,	Oct. 31, 1838	35	120	155	5	1	6	2	4	1	7	2	3	130
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	41	99	140	8	1	9	1	9		10	4	2	100
E. and W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	37	68	105	3	3	6		1		1		4	200
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	50	66	1		1	3			3		3	90
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	6	36	42	2	2	4						2	70
Milton,	Samuel W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	31	100	131		5	5	2			2		3	100
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	75	143	218	18	1	19	3			3	11	3	300
" South par.	D. Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	16	30	46					1		1		1	
Quincy,	William Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	17	40	57	3	3	6	1			1	2	4	40
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock,	Feb. 28, 1821	49	74	123	2		2	6			6	1	1	130
" East,	Dennis Powers,	Dec. 5, 1838	46	66	112	1		1	5	3		8		7	120
Sharon,	Vacant,		29	71	100				3			3		2	90
Weymouth,	Joshua Emery, Jr.	Jan. 25, 1838	42	124	166				2	2	1	5			200
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838	29	74	103	3		3	2			2	2	1	150
Total, 24	22		839	1961	2800	105	35	140	51	37	4	92	49	77	2931

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Aduits	Infants	
Attleboro',	J. Crane, Jr.	Oct. 20, 1836	54	163	217	3	2	5	5	4		9	1	11	250
* " West,	I. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 29, 1840			100										130
*Berkley,	Vacant,				91										220
Dighton,	John Shaw,	Stated supply.	10	29	39				2	2		4		3	50
Fall River,	O. Fowler,	July 7, 1831	102	246	348	65	2	67	4	12		16	50	19	660
Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	10	27	37	1		1							75
Middleboro', North,	P. Colby,	Jan. 6, 1817	44	94	138										125
" Precinct,	H. Barrows,	June 1, 1836	38	76	114	20		20	1	3		4	18	1	155
Norton,	C. W. Allen,	July 8, 1835	33	84	117									1	200
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	46	147	193	11	10	21	3	3	1	7	5	7	280
Raynham,	E. Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	35	114	149	12	1	13	2			2		8	140
Rehoboth,	J. C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	25	56	81	1		1	1			1		6	140
Scotland,	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	8	23	31		2	2		3		3		1	85
Seekonk,	J. O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	24	76	100	1		1	1		1	2			96
Taunton,	E. Maltby,	June 8, 1826	70	208	278	4	3	7	2	8		10	1	6	345
" West,	A. Cobb,	April 19, 1815	32	103	135	3	2	5	6			6	2	5	170
* " Spring-st.	Vacant,				73										125
Total, 17	15				2241	121	22	143	27	35	2	64	77	68	3246

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Thomas Andros and William J. Breed.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATIN.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dartmouth,	Vacant,														
New Bedford, 1st chh.	Daniel C. Burt,	1835	11	35	46	3	2	5	1			1	1	4	75
" North,	Sylvester Holmes,	1810													
	Thomas M. Smith,	1839	114	272	386	42	5	47	6	4	1	10	17	22	212
" Trinitarian,	James A. Roberts,	1832	20	57	77	6	2	8	3			3	2	8	54
Fairhaven,	Jacob Roberts,	1839	100	200	300	13	5	18	7	2	1	10	13	16	176
Rochester, 1st chh.	Jonathan Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	28	93	121	18		18	3			3	9	2	110
" South,	O. Cobb, D. D.	1799													
	Leander Cobb,		19	55	74	2	1	3	1			1		3	74
" Mattapoisett,	T. Robbins, D. D.	Oct. 17, 1832	53	90	143	6	3	9	3	2		5	2	7	205
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	1836	11	24	35	2		2	1			1		4	37
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	1829	21	83	104	4	2	6	6	1	1	8		5	82
Middleboro',	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	52	169	221	21	3	24	4	3		7	13	2	150
Total, 11	12		429	1078	1507	117	23	140	35	12	3	49	57	73	1175

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.—*No Report.*

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible class.
Nantucket,	G. C. Partridge,	1839	50	200	250	10	5	15	2	5		7	5	3	300
Edgartown,	Allen Gannet,	Stated supply.			101										79
West Tisbury,	Ebenezer Chase,	July 19, 1835	14	34	48										30
Chilmark,	Lewis Spofford,	Stated supply.			24										
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	71	183	254	4		4	7	1	2	10	1	5	300
" North,	Vacant,		25	42	67										
" East,	J. D. Lewis,	Stated supply.	25	42	67										
Sandwich,	Asahel Cobb,	March 31, 1831	63	130	193	1		1	3	1		4		2	115
Barnstable, West,	Thomas Riggs,	Oct 28, 1840	43	111	154										85
" South,	Elisha Bacon,	Stated supply.													
Marshpee,	Phineas Fish,	Sept. 1811	2	18	20	1		1							45
Monument,	H. Lucas,	Stated supply.	11	39	50										40
Total, 12	11		304	799	1223	16	5	21	12	7	2	21	6	10	1294

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1841.			Admissions in 1840.			Removals in 1840.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Total,															

Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.

☞It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting, next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an

assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not

considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

22. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

23. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The Address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

24. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

25. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

27. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorised to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

28. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

29. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with

this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

30. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

31. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

32. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

33. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

SYSTEMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE following plan for systematic contributions in Massachusetts to the various objects of benevolence here specified, was recommended by the General Association of the State, at their meeting in Ipswich, June 24th, 1840, and has been extensively adopted by the local Associations and Conferences. The necessity for some uniform system has long been felt, and it is hoped this will meet the approbation of all.

1. BOSTON AND VICINITY.

According to the arrangement made by these churches in 1838.

Foreign Missions, *January.*
Education Society, *February.*
Home Missions, *April.*
Sabbath Schools, *June.*
Bible Society, *September.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *October.*
Tract Society, *November.*

2. ESSEX COUNTY AND ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Bible Society, *December and January.*
Foreign Missions, *February and March.*
Education Society, *April and May.*
Home Missions, *June and July.*
Tract Society, *August and September.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *October.*
Sabbath School Society, *November.*

3. MIDDLESEX UNION AND WOBURN ASSOCIATIONS.

Bible Society, *January and February.*
Foreign Missions, *March and April.*
Education Society, *May and June.*
Home Missions, *July and August.*
Tract Society, *September and October.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *November.*
Sabbath School Society, *December.*

4. NORFOLK COUNTY AND CONFERENCE AND MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Bible Society, *February and March.*
Foreign Missions, *April and May.*
Education Society, *June and July.*
Home Missions, *August and September.*
Tract Society, *October and November.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *December.*
Sabbath School Society, *January.*

5. BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Bible Society, *March and April.*
Foreign Missions, *May and June.*
Education Society, *July and August.*
Home Missions, *September and October.*
Tract Society, *November and December.*
Seamen's Sriend Society, *January.*
Sabbath School Society, *February.*

6. HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Bible Society, *April and May.*
Foreign Missions, *June and July.*
Education Society, *August and September.*
Home Missions, *October and November.*
Tract Society, *December and January.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *February.*
Sabbath School Society, *March.*

7. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Bible Society, *May and June.*
Foreign Missions, *July and August.*
Education Society, *September and October.*
Home Missions, *November and December.*
Tract Society, *January and February.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *March.*
Sabbath School Society, *April.*

8. FRANKLIN COUNTY AND WORCESNORTH ASSOCIATION.

Bible Society, *June and July.*
Foreign Missions, *August and September.*
Education Society, *October and November.*
Home Missions, *December and January.*
Tract Society, *February and March.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *April.*
Sabbath School Society, *May.*

9. WORCESTER CENTRAL AND BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATIONS.

Bible Society, *July and August.*
Foreign Missions, *September and October.*
Education Society, *November and Decem.*
Home Missions, *January and February.*
Tract Society, *March and April.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *May.*
Sabbath School Society, *June.*

10. MIDDLESEX SOUTH AND HARMONY CONFERENCES.

Bible Society, *August and September.*
Foreign Missions, *October and November.*
Education Society, *December and January.*
Home Missions, *February and March.*
Tract Society, *April and May.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *June.*
Sabbath School Society, *July.*

11. TAUNTON AND VICINITY AND OLD COLONY CONFERENCES.

Bible Society, *September and October.*
Foreign Missions, *November and December.*
Education Society, *January and February.*
Home Missions, *March and April.*
Tract Society, *May and June.*
Seamen's Friend Society, *July.*
Sabbath School Society, *August.*

12. PILGRIM AND BARNSTABLE CONFERENCES.

Bible Society, *October and November.*
Foreign Missions, *December and January.*
Education Society, *February and March.*
Home Missions, *April and May.*
Tract Society, *June and July*
Seamen's Friend Society, *August.*
Sabbath School Society, *September.*

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The General Association of Massachusetts convened at Westboro', in the meeting-house of the Rev. Charles B. Kittredge, Tuesday, June 28, 1842, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Mr. Kittredge.

Rev. E. Smalley was appointed to read the certificates of memberships. From these credentials it appeared that the following persons were the regular members of the Association.

Berkshire Association,	Rev. Stillman Pratt, Rev. Joseph Alden, D. D.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. John Mitchell, Rev. William Bement.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Timothy M. Cooley, D.D. Rev. S. G. Clapp.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Tyler Thatcher.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. David R. Austin, Rev. Eber Carpenter.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Timothy A. Taylor, Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe.
Worcester Central Asso'tion	Rev. E. Smalley, Rev. George Allen.
Worcester North Asso'tion,	Rev. Lewis Sabin, Rev. Richard M. Chipman.
Mendon Association,	Rev. Jacob Ide, D. D. Rev. David Long,
Middlesex Union Asso'tion,	Rev. James T. Woodbury, Rev. Preserved Smith.

Middlesex South Asso'tion,	Rev. Jacob Cummings, Rev. David Brigham.
Woburn Association,	Rev. S. Hopkins Emery.
Andover Association,	Rev. Amos Blanchard, Rev. Jesse Page.
Essex North Association,	Rev. Gardner B. Perry.
Essex South Association,	Rev. Daniel Mansfield, Rev. Alexander I. Sessions.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. John Whitney, Rev. Rufus Anderson, D. D.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Silas Aiken, Rev. Daniel M. Lord.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Samuel W. Cozzens, Rev. Joshua Emery, Jr.
Taunton Association,	Rev. J. C. Paine, Rev. E. Sanford.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Jacob Roberts, Rev. James A. Roberts.
Vineyard Sound Asso'tion,	Rev. H. B. Hooker.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Charles Boyter, Rev. William H. Adams.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. H. L. Hammond.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. John Codman, D. D., Rev. Erastus Maltby, Rev. J. S. Clark.

Ex Officiis.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Charles B. Kittredge, Pastor of the Church in Westboro'.

The following delegates were also present from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Henry A. Boardman.

Constitutional General Assembly, Rev. Thomas Brainerd.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Jonathan Cogswell, D. D.

General Conference of Maine, Rev. Eli Thurston.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Charles S. Adams.

General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, Rev. Thomas A. Merrill, D. D.

Honorary Members.

Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Martin Moore.

Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. John Orcutt.

Invited Honorary Members.

Rev. George Fisher, Associational Preacher.
Rev. Justin Perkins, Missionary.
Mar Yohannan, Bishop of Ooroomiah.

Rev. Timothy M. Cooley, D. D., was chosen Moderator, Rev. E. Smalley, Scribe, and Rev. Amos Blanchard, Assistant Scribe.

The rules of the Association were read, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed : —

Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Messrs. Allen and Brigham, Committee on Elections.

Rev. Dr. Codman, and Rev. Messrs. Aiken and Kittredge, Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. Fisher and Sanford, Committee to audit Accounts.

Rev. Dr. Alden, and Rev. Messrs. Maltby and Mitchell, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. Mr. Hooker, Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Messrs. Allen, Clark, and Woodbury, Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Voted, To refer the certificates of membership of delegates from Hampshire East Association to the Committee on Elections.

Messrs. Crocker & Brewster, Boston, were appointed Agents to print and circulate the Minutes.

Adjourned, after prayer, till 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Wednesday Morning. Met at 8 o'clock, according to adjournment. The roll was called. The Moderator led in prayer, and the minutes of the last session were read.

Voted, that the Hampshire East Asociation be admitted to this Association, and that its members enjoy all the privileges of this body.

Rev. George A. Oviatt was present as delegate from the Hampshire East Association.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended that the following be adopted as the 21st rule of this Association:

"The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations."

A communication was read from Rev. Morris E. White, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, stating that he attended the last meeting of that body, and was received with great kindness and respect.

A communication was read from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, inviting a continued fraternal correspondence with this body. Rev. Dr. Snell, and Rev. Messrs. Nelson and Aiken were appointed a committee to reply.

The Committee appointed by the last meeting of the General Association to correspond with religious bodies at the South on the general subject of slavery, reported in part. They had transmitted some thirty letters to different Presbyterians at the South, and had received various replies, portions of which were read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be presented to the Committee of Correspondence with ecclesiastical bodies in the slave States on the subject of Slavery, for their attention to the subject of their appointment, and for the interesting and important information elicited by their correspondence, as presented in their report in part on the business assigned them.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God, in the origin and progress of the temperance reformation; and in the blessings which, through its means, He has conferred upon men; and we earnestly recommend that it continue to receive the influence of the example and efforts of all friends of humanity, till intoxication, and the use, as a beverage, of intoxicating liquor, shall have ceased, throughout the earth.

2. Resolved, That, as the Sabbath is an institution of *Divine appointment,* and the observance of it is *essential* to the social, civil and religious interests of men, we recommend that increased efforts be made throughout the community, to induce all persons to abstain from worldly business and amusement, and to attend the public worship of God on that day.

3. Resolved, That, as the Bible is all given by inspiration of God, and is suited to render men perfect, and to furnish them thoroughly for every good work, it is recommended that efforts be made, as extensively as possible, to induce each person, who is destitute, and can read, to furnish himself with a copy of it; to read some portion of it *daily;* and to seek the teaching of the Holy Spirit, that he may understand, believe, and obey it; and thus experience the benefit which it was designed to impart.

Rev. John Ferguson was appointed on the Committee of Correspondence on the subject of Slavery, in place of Rev. Mr. Durfee, resigned.

Rev. Dr. Ide, and Rev. Messrs. Brainerd, Paine, Merrill, Page, and Boardman, were appointed a Committee on the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. Blanchard, Adams, and Towne were appointed a Committee of Publication.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. John Mitchell, and recommitted for revision.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Adams, of R. I.

Attended to the narratives of the state of religion in the several District Associations. Reports were also presented from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Mr. Boardman; from the Constitutional General Assembly, by Rev. Mr. Brainerd; from the General Association of Connecticut, by Rev. Dr. Cogswell; from the General Convention of Vermont, by Rev. Thomas A. Merrill; from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, by Rev. Charles S. Adams; from the General Conference of Maine, by Rev. Eli Thurston.

The following Resolution was adopted, as reported by the Committee of Arrangements:

Resolved, As the two hundredth anniversary of the meeting of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, which formed

the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, occurs on July 1, 1843, that it be recommended to the Ministers connected with this Body, to preach, about that time, to their people on the general subject of catechetical instruction; having special reference to the usages of our fathers in relation to this matter, and to the advantages resulting from this method of introducing religious truth into the youthful mind.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Theophilus Packard, Jr., Tyler Thatcher, and Amariah Chandler, be a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

Voted, That the Woburn Association be requested to appoint the preacher for the next year.

Rev. Drs. Snell and Codman, and Rev. J. S. Clarke were appointed a Committee to designate the place of the next meeting.

Voted, That the Committee of Nomination recommend a second preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society for next year.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, Thursday morning.

A sermon in behalf of the Massachusetts Missionary Society was preached in the evening, by Rev. Tertius S. Clarke.

Thursday, 8 *o'clock*. The Association met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee for nominating Delegates to Foreign Bodies reported the following:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting in Ranstead Court, Philadelphia.

Rev. Parsons Cooke, } Primaries.
Rev. Francis Norwood. }
Rev. Justin Edwards, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. Joseph Alden, D. D. }

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Jacob Ide, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. John Fiske, }
Rev. S. G. Buckingham, } Substitutes.
Rev. David Brigham. }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. William Bement, } Primaries.
Rev. A. R. Baker. }
Rev. Erastus Maltby, } Substitutes.
Rev. Gardner B. Perry. }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Martin Tupper, } Primaries.
Rev. Francis Horton. }
Rev. Charles Rockwell, } Substitutes.
Rev. Samuel C. Jackson. }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. J. Codman, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. George W. Blagden. }
Rev. J. T. Woodbury, } Substitutes.
Rev. Hiram A. Tracy. }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Calvin Durfee, } Primaries.
Rev. Tertius S. Clark. }
Rev. Robert B. Hall, } Substitutes.
Rev. Silas Aiken. }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Benjamin Ela, } Primaries.
Rev. Samuel M. Worcester. }
Rev. Charles Packard, } Substitutes.
Rev. Elisha Bacon. }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. Aaron Picket, } Primaries.
Rev. Emerson Davis. }
Rev. George Allen, } Substitutes.
Rev. Sereno D. Clark, }

The Committee for designating the place for the next meeting of the Association, recommended that it be held within the limits of the Franklin Association, and in the town of Sunderland. Their report was adopted.

The Secretary presented the account of the Publishing Agents of the Association, which was allowed.

Voted, That the subject of Printing the Minutes be referred to the Publishing Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence with ecclesiastical bodies at the South on Slavery, presented a bill of $16 for necessary expenses, which was allowed.

The Nominating Committee recommended Rev. Mr. Maltby, as the second preacher for the Massachusetts Missionary Society, at the next meeting of this Body, and he was appointed.

The following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committtee of three be appointed to take into consideration the policy and efforts of the Papal Church in relation to the different parts of this country, and to our missions in the unenlightened portions of the world; and to report, at the next meeting of the Association, whether this body ought to do any thing to expose and arrest the progress of that great enemy of the Protestant faith.

The rule submitted yesterday by the Committee of Arrangements was read a second time, and adopted as the 21st rule.

The Rev. Mr. Hooker, Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, reported his attendance, and his fraternal reception by that body.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended that one hour and a half be devoted to hearing the claims of the enterprises of Christian benevolence; the speakers to be restricted to ten minutes each.

The Bible cause was then presented and advocated by Rev. Sylvester Holmes.

The following Preamble and Resolution submitted by him were adopted:

While no one of the leading benevolent Societies, so happily characterizing our times, *may* or ought to be made *pre-eminent*, in comparison with other kindred institutions, and no true and enlightened friend or representative of these Societies will make such invidious comparisons, yet it may occur, and most certainly has, that some of these organs of the American Church may in some portions of our Zion not receive their *due* proportion in the daily ministrations of the saints. Therefore,

Resolved, That it be affectionately and earnestly recommended to the churches in connection with this body, that they take up subscriptions or contributions, at least once in each year, to aid the American Bible Society, in its noble enterprise of supplying the country and the world with the Bible, without note or comment.

The subject of Home Missions was presented by the Rev. J. S. Clark; the American Education Society by Rev. S. H. Riddel; the American Sunday School Union, by Rev. Martin Moore.

The Rev. Mr. Bullard was heard in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Association regard the Massachusetts

Sabbath School Society, through its publications and various other instrumentalities, as an efficient auxiliary in promoting the interests of our churches, and we cheerfully commend it to their sympathy, prayers and support..

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society as an economical, and in all respects unexceptionable medium through which the charities of our churches and Sabbath Schools may be contributed to aid in promoting the cause of Sabbath Schools throughout the land.

The Rev. Mr. Perry spoke in behalf of the Massachusetts Temperance Union. The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Temperance Union holds an important place in the field of moral improvement, and has by its operation recommended itself to the confidence and patronage of a Christian community.

The Rev. Mr. Beckwith advocated the cause of peace, and the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, since the gospel is a sovereign remedy for all moral evils to which it is rightly applied, the continuance of the custom of war throughout Christendom is strong presumptive evidence, that the gospel has not yet been rightly applied in its full power to this custom by the mass of any Christian community.

Resolved, That the cause of peace, aiming at the abolition of war by the gospel, and depending, under God, mainly on his ministers and churches, has strong claims to their support, as a movement of great importance, not only to the general interests of mankind, but especially to the success of the various enterprizes of Christian benevolence and reform now in progress; and we therefore renew the recommendation of this Association in past years, that ministers preach on this subject as on other parts of the gospel, and the churches hold an annual, if not a more frequent concert of prayer for the universal prevalence of peace.

The Rev. Mr. Vail was heard in behalf of Amherst College, and the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, In view of the great and laudable design of the founders of Amherst and Williams Colleges, and the extensive good they have been the instruments of accomplishing in advancing the interests of sound learning and evangelical religion,—

That this Body does cordially approve of the efforts which the Trustees of these important institutions are now making to

increase their pecuniary resources, and will be ready to co-operate in any suitable measures for this end.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows :

The Auditing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the Treasury of $17 84. No assessment has been received from the Vineyard Sound Association. When paid, it will go to meet the general expenses of this Association. The Committee recommend an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of the several district associations, as necessary to meet the expenses of this body.

Rev. Messrs. Nehemiah Adams, George Allen, and William A. Stearns, were appointed a committee on the subject of Popery.

The Committee on the state of religion presented their report, which was accepted.

The Pastoral Letter was presented as modified by the Committee, and was adopted and directed to be published.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to Rev. Mr. Kittredge and the people of his charge, for their hospitalities and Christian kindness, also to the choir of singers who have aided our devotions by their acceptable performances ; and that Rev. Mr. Kittredge be requested to communicate this vote to his people.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met according to adjournment, and attended to the public religious services which usually close the session of this Body. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Whitney ; Rev. George Fisher preached the Associational Sermon from Ecc. vii. 10. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, the exercises of which were conducted by Rev. Drs. Codman and Merrill, and Rev. Messrs. Boardman and Perkins, and the Nestorian Bishop, Mar Yohannan.

Voted, to accept these Minutes as the Minutes of the Association.

After uniting in prayer with the Rev. Dr. Cogswell, the Association was dissolved.

TIMOTHY MATHER COOLEY, *Moderator.*

E. SMALLEY, *Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The past year has been one of peculiar interest to the Christian. The hand of God has been made manifest, and the great designs of his heart revealed by dispensations of his providence and grace that are worthy of our most serious regard. While we have felt his chastising hand in our commercial embarrassments, in the divisions which have distracted our national councils, and in the awful judgments which have occasionally fallen upon individuals and communities, we have enjoyed an unusual share of the richest of all his gifts, the special effusions of the Holy Spirit. Never since the days of Edwards have revivals been more numerous and powerful in this Commonwealth than in the past year, and at no period of our history have they progressed with greater stillness and solemnity, or been more signally marked as the effects of the Spirit of God. The ordinary means of grace, used in the ordinary way, have in thousands of instances been made the wisdom of God and the power of God to the salvation of souls. The churches of Christ connected with this body, have peculiar reasons for gratitude to Heaven for the displays of divine mercy which they have witnessed the past year. Though in many instances the District Associations complain of the prevalence of a worldly spirit, the profanation of the Sabbath, and its kindred vices, yet not one has failed to report a revival in a number of the churches within its limits.

We find among the facts brought before us by our brethren, many of a solemn as well as joyful interest. Afflictive dis-

pensations of divine providence have been frequently mingled with the effusions of the Spirit which excite joy and gratitude in every pious heart.

The Berkshire Association report that one laborer, who had just entered upon his work, has been called to his reward; the Rev. John Goddard of Egremont.

They report likewise revivals in several towns. In Williamstown about forty have been examined for admission to the church. In the college there has been a pleasing attention to religion; more than thirty have professed conversion. In Pittsfield, thirty-three have been added to the church. In South Tyringham, thirty-three; in Sheffield, twenty; in Lee, sixty. In South Adams eleven have been added to the church as the first fruits of efforts to establish the gospel on Congregational principles in the place. God has much blessed the churches and the congregations the past year, and is blessing them still.

The Hampshire Association says, Of those who have labored as pastors within their present limits, twenty-one have been called to give up their account within ten years; three within the past year, viz: Rev. Messrs. Drury of West Hampton, Rose of Chesterfield, and Goodwin of Williamsburg.

There has been an interesting revival in South Hampton; fifty-one have been added to the church, and others hopefully renewed have not yet united. The other places particularly favored, are Whately, Hubbardsville, North Hampton, and East Hampton.

Williston Seminary, at East Hampton, has shared in the revival.

The Hampshire East Association say, that while but few of their churches have enjoyed what may be termed seasons of great revival of religion, yet many of them have been blessed with pleasing indications of God's special presence. In Greenwich, thirty or forty have been added to the church. Rev. Nathan Perkins, of Amherst, has been called to his rest the past year. Amherst College is now visited with the influences of the Holy Spirit, and its prospects appear more flattering than for seasons past.

Mount Holyoke Seminary is in a flourishing condition. About forty have recently been hopefully converted in this institution.

The Hampden Association speak of prevailing harmony among pastors, and tranquillity among the churches. Likewise

of revivals in West Granville, Chicopee Falls, Feeding Hills, Cabotville, Monson, and some other places.

In Westfield as many as one hundred have been hopefully brought out of darkness into marvellous light.

The Franklin Association has been visited by the Holy Spirit, and numbers have been hopefully converted. The Rev. Samuel H. Emerson of Heath has been removed by death.

The Brookfield Association mentions the death of an aged father in the ministry, Rev. Otis Lane, formerly pastor in Stockbridge.

Many churches have been revived, especially those in Oakham, South Brookfield, Sturbridge and Southbridge.

In the Harmony Association, Blackstone, fifty conversions. Mendon and Milbury are spoken of as revived.

In Hopkinton and Grafton a work of unusual power has been experienced. The former place numbers 70, the latter more than 50, among the subjects of renewing grace. In Westboro' about 20 have indulged hope.

The Worcester Central Association speak of harmony and general prosperity. Many churches have enjoyed precious seasons of reviving, viz. the three churches in Worcester, the churches in East Douglass, in West Boylston, and in Rutland. Leicester Academy has been visited by the Holy Spirit, in his merciful visitations. The Rev. John Boardman, of East Douglass, has been called to his rest.

In the Worcester North Association, the Lord has visited some of the churches with the influences of his Spirit. The church in Phillipston has been favored with an interesting work of grace; 36 have been added to the church, and a goodly number will probably soon be received as the fruits of this revival.

The church in Royalston has also received a blessing; 24 have been received into the church; twice that number have expressed hope. And other towns have been more or less blessed by the influences of the Spirit of God.

The Mendon Association report that more than ordinary religious excitement has prevailed in several of the churches and parishes, and a number have been brought, as they trust, into the Redeemer's kingdom,—particularly in Medway, Wrentham, and Foxborough.

The Middlesex Union Association report interesting revivals in Townsend, Pepperell, Groton, and Acton. Large numbers have expressed hope.

The Middlesex South Association have been bereaved of a dearly beloved member, Rev. George Champion.

Revivals are reported in Concord; 20 or 30 hopeful conversions. In Lincoln, the first ever known in that place, about 30 hopefully converted. In Holliston, about 25 express hope in Christ as the fruits of a revival in that place. In Southborough more than 50, it is thought, have been brought into the kingdom of Christ. In West Needham there has been a revival of great interest; about 60 conversions are reported. Also in Sherburne, Berlin, and Unionville, revivals are in progress.

The Woburn Association report: The churches within our bounds have not been altogether unblessed. In Stoneham 20 or 30 have expressed hope in Christ, several heads of families; three or four were open Universalists, and one an infidel. In Tewksbury, Woburn, and Bedford, there are precious revivals in progress. In Bedford there have been indications of the Divine presence for more than a year; 53 have united with the church, mostly by profession. Persons of all ages have expressed hope. Universalists, Unitarians, and infidels have been reached.

The Andover Association is spoken of as in a harmonious and prosperous condition. Some churches have enjoyed precious revivals. The churches in Lowell and vicinity have been most largely blessed. The Theological Seminary continues its course of undiminished usefulness and prosperity.

The Essex North Association speak of an increased spirit of benevolence, and general harmony and prosperity. The churches in Bellville Parish, Newbury, and at Amesbury Mills, have enjoyed copious effusions of the Holy Spirit. The work was characterized by great stillness and power. Infidels and errorists have yielded to its influence.

The Essex South Association. Indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit have appeared in Salem, Beverly, and North Danvers. In Wenham a revival of considerable interest commenced in October last among the young men in the Sabbath School, soon extended to others. Sixty have been numbered among the inquirers, and more than forty have, as they trust, found the Saviour. The work is still in progress.

The North Suffolk Association. Since the extraordinary concert of prayer for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the churches in February, religion has been greatly revived. Nearly all the churches have experienced a gracious visitation:

in one instance, 150 have been hopefully converted. Within the bounds of this Association probably the number who have expressed hope will not fall short of 800. Indeed the present year has, thus far, been one of great power, for which the Association desire to render thanksgiving to God.

The Suffolk South Association. The churches of this Association are happily united in the faith. The special influences of the Holy Spirit have been richly enjoyed by nearly all; and, what is worthy of remark, the windows of heaven began to be opened soon after the extraordinary efforts of those churches to relieve the embarrassments of our benevolent societies. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

The Norfolk Association report that the Lord has done great things for them. Of the 23 churches connected with that Association, nearly all have shared, and some of them very largely in the special outpourings of the Spirit. As the fruits of these divine influences, a large number of persons, of different classes and ages, have, as we have reason to believe, passed from death unto life. Some congregations have greatly increased in numbers, so that the places of public worship have already become too strait for them.

The Taunton Association. Religion is in a very encouraging state in most of the churches. The church in North Middleborough has received afresh that quickening spirit which has so happily animated them in former years. In Taunton many have recently been setting their faces toward Zion. In Raynham many have acknowledged themselves decided for Christ. Pawtucket has enjoyed an interesting work of grace, and more than 50 have expressed hope.

In the Pilgrim Association there have been some interesting revivals during the past winter. In Plimton a revival is now in progress, greater in extent than has ever been known in the place. One in Kingston, as the result of which 41 have been added to the church. Also in Plymouth and South Marshfield there has been more than usual religious interest.

The Brewster Association. The past winter has been a season of great prosperity to the cause of Christ. In South Dennis the number of hopeful converts is about 25. In Harwick 58 have united with the church. Eighteen have been added to the church in Chatham. In Orleans the number of conversions is about 100. In Wellfleet, 58; Truro, 40; other towns have received a blessing.

Within the bounds of the Old Colony Association nearly

all the churches have been blessed with the special presence of the Holy Spirit. As the result of a powerful work in New Bedford, a large number have been added to the Trinitarian Church in that place. In many places revivals still continue.

The Vineyard Sound Association. Revivals of unusual interest and power have prevailed in Sandwich, Centerville, and Falmouth. In Falmouth, there have been between 30 and 40 cases of hopeful conversion, embracing a number of heads of families. Most of the converts are the baptized children of the church. Revivals have exerted a happy influence on seamen. Several captains and officers of vessels have recently decided for Christ.

A new impulse has been given to the cause of temperance the past year. God has smiled upon those who have long labored in this cause, by making their efforts preparatory to an extraordinary movement among the inebriates themselves. New laborers have been brought into the fields, whose participation and experience in the evils of intemperance have prepared them to excite an interest and exert an influence upon their companions which no other men could do. An admirable instance this of the well-known purpose of God to bring to the aid of his faithful servants the efficient exertions of those who become anxious to promote the cause which they once attempted to destroy.

This Association is gratified to learn that there is no abatement in the interest felt in Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, and that these have in so many instances been the means of hopeful conversions. It is no less pleasing to know that amidst all the pecuniary embarrassments of the times, the religious charities of the churches are not all restrained, but rather enlarged. In several instances, it is known that the amount given for benevolent objects the past year is nearly double that given for the same objects any preceding year.

It is in our estimation a token for good that there is among the ministers and churches in our connection an increasing sense of the importance of doctrinal instruction, and that the revivals reported appear in so great a degree to be the result of the operation of truth upon the conscience and the heart, without the extraneous influence of other exciting causes. We are glad to see a growing interest in the positive institutions of religion, and especially in the important rite of infant baptism. A determination to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints on these subjects is worthy of all

praise, and affords pleasing evidence of a disposition in the community to return to the good old paths of our Pilgrim fathers.

It gives us great pleasure to learn that essentially the same grace which God has given us has been conferred on those ecclesiastical bodies with which we are connected.

The General Association reciprocate with pleasure the fraternal feeling expressed by the delegate from the Constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and are happy to learn the prosperity of the churches which compose that body. The report speaks of numerous revivals of a healthful and delightful character.

The Lane Seminary, Auburn, and New York Seminaries, and the Western Reserve College, are represented as in a flourishing condition. There are more than 200 young men in these institutions preparing for the ministry. This Body have learned with much pleasure, through the Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, not only that the various benevolent institutions of that church,—her Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, of Education, and of Publication, are in a flourishing state ; but also that a large number of the congregations connected with the Assembly have enjoyed precious revivals of religion within the past year ; revivals characterized by the same general features as those with which our churches have been so abundantly blessed.

The Association were also informed that the General Assembly have taken efficient measures for opposing the rapid and alarming progress of *Popery* in our country,—a work in which they invite the cordial co-operation of all other evangelical Protestant denominations, and the importance of which is deeply felt by this Association.

The General Convention of Congregational ministers and churches in Vermont, reports 203 churches and 103 settled ministers. Fifty-one churches have been aided by the Vermont Missionary Society. Many others are very small, and in consequence of the sparseness of the population, or the prevalence of other denominations, have no prospect for many years of becoming so strengthened as to enjoy the stated administration of the word and ordinances. Several revivals have prevailed. But special divine influences have been unusually withheld from that section, which has so often been signally blessed. Many valuable interests, however, have been greatly advanced, and the cause of temperance, or total

abstinence from intoxicating liquors, has prevailed far beyond all former years.

The Consociation of Rhode Island report 16 Congregational churches; 15 of which are connected with the General Consociation, 13 have settled pastors, 1 a stated supply, and 2 are destitute.

The whole number of church members is 2,599. Added the last year 420. Interesting revivals have been enjoyed in the churches in High street in Providence, Bristol, North Scituate. Coventry and Slatersville Congregational Churches are increasing not only in numbers, but in strength and influence.

From the General Conference of Maine were reported about 200 churches, with nearly 150 pastors and missionaries. Connected with these churches are not far from 18,000 communicants. The past has been a year of unwonted spiritual prosperity among these churches. Almost every county in the State has been refreshed with showers of divine grace, of more or less copiousness and power. In one county, 12; in another, 9 churches have thus been visited. In all, between 50 and 60 congregations have shared in these revivals. It is difficult at present to ascertain the number of hopeful conversions, as but few of their fruits have yet been gathered into the churches. These revivals have been characterized by a remarkable absence of all *avowed* and *direct opposition.* While the great enemy of God and man has not relinquished his hostile design against the church, he has evidently changed his mode of attack.

They have also been characterized by the absence of undue *excitement* and enthusiasm. They have been seasons of deep, sober thought, and the prospect of the churches at the present time may be regarded as more auspicious and cheering than at any former period.

In view of the great things which have been brought to our ears during the session of this body, we surely have reason to exclaim, What has God wrought? The language in which the devout Psalmist expressed his gratitude, is that which ought to be appropriate to the feelings of each of us on this occasion: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

PASTORAL LETTER.

Beloved Brethren,—

The interest ever felt by us in the churches, is never livelier than on these annual occasions, when we come together to hear reports concerning their condition, and to consult and pray for their common welfare. We have been accustomed to express this interest in an annual epistle, comprising such suggestions as propriety and "the signs of the times" seemed to dictate. In the present instance, while there are many subjects of great and general interest, on which we might wish to address you if time and space permitted, we shall confine ourselves to one. And that is, the importance of your possessing and maintaining *a thorough acquaintance with the essential principles of our faith and practice.*

The desirableness of such knowledge in all our members,—the importance of it to every religious interest, whether personal or general, is too obvious, and, we trust, too well understood by you, both as Christians and as Congregationalists, to need to be demonstrated, and it is rather for the purpose of putting you in remembrance, than for the purpose of demonstration, that we call your attention to it. In an age like this, so active, rather than contemplative, it is easy to perceive a peculiar necessity for sound doctrinal knowledge, and at the same time peculiar danger of doctrinal deficiency. And in this remark may be found our apology (if apology be necessary) for the subject of this epistle.

Our New England fathers sought to make *intelligent* Christians. This was the great end of their family and pulpit instructions, and of the books they wrote. And we have a higher authority and a better precedent than theirs in the apostolic churches. There is reason to believe that the primitive Christians were far superior to those of the present day—they were at least *required* to be so—in their knowledge of revealed truth. We may infer this from the exhortations and intimations we meet with to this effect in the epistles,—as, for example, such as these: "*Rooted* and *built up* in him, and *established* in the faith as ye have been taught." "Be not children in understanding; howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye *know* them, and are *established* in the present truth." To those Christians the writings of the apostles were immediately addressed; and they were expected to hear and understand them, with the close reasonings and thorough system of theology which they contained. It was the practice of the churches succeeding the age of the apostles, if not of the apostolic churches themselves, as a general thing, to detain converts in a course of catechetical instruction previous to their admission to full communion, rather than encumber the churches with incompetent members. And we find Paul complaining of some, who appear to have been for a considerable time professors, on account of their dwarfishness and slowness in Christian knowledge. "For when for the time (says he) ye ought to be *teachers*, ye have need that one teach you which be the first principles of the oracles of God, and are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat." And he exhorts them to go on to perfection in knowledge. And it would seem from a passage in the first Epistle of Peter iii. 15, that that apostle expected disciples, as such, to be able to state and defend the truths and claims of the Christian system at all points, and on all occasions. Who can show that the ability to do this is less requisite now than it was in the days of the apostles?

As it regards personal religion, a knowledge of the truth is of course equally important always: for how can we be sanctified and blessed by truth, except we understand it? And as it concerns your usefulness to others,—not to say your safety and your credit, as believers in such a world as this,—how various and constant is the demand for the knowledge of which

we are speaking! In your ordinary relations as Christian friends and neighbors, and as champions for the truth, you will daily have occasion for its employment. There will be serious inquirers after truth coming to you for information,—to solve their difficulties, and enlighten them on points of doctrine or of practice, in regard to which they are dark. There will be young converts seeking instruction, and awakened sinners asking what they must do to be saved. As heads of families, many questions of a religious kind will be proposed to you by your children and dependents. There are around you, also, various denominations whose peculiar tenets will be always more or less under discussion; and endeavors will be made to unsettle and draw away from you your fellow-worshippers, and perhaps the members of your own households. And you will need the knowledge requisite to meet the points at issue, both for the sake of your own satisfaction and stability in the premises, and for the discharge of duty to your friends and fellow-men. And in a world filled with misbelievers and opposers, you will often meet with such, and will find them disposed to question and dispute with you; and it will be incumbent on you, as an obvious duty towards them, as well as in justice to yourselves, and to your Master's cause, to state and vindicate your own views of doctrine, and to reason with and reprove them concerning the fallacy and wickedness of theirs. In fine, you will meet with many cases where knowledge is to be imparted, and truth defended; and where it will devolve on *you* to do it, or it will not be done. You will meet with many opportunities for instruction and conviction, which the pulpit cannot reach; where no one, able and disposed to discharge the duty, will be present except yourselves; and where it will often be manifest that, if knowledge is power, the want of it is weakness.

And then, as it concerns the right direction of our zeal, the wisdom of our measures, the order and beauty of our worship, our mutual edification in social meetings, and in other forms of Christian intercourse, and the largeness of our philanthropy,—how desirable and necessary is sound knowledge!

Now we would, brethren, that not only every member of our own denomination, but every member of the Christian family on earth, might be of this intelligent sort. And the church will never be prepared to answer fully the ends of her existence so long as such is not the fact.

As it regards our own communion, we believe it to be at

least *not behind* others in this particular. It is, and ever has been *distinguished* for its intelligence, both religious and literary. But we have expressed an apprehension—which suffer us to repeat—that there is some danger, arising from the times, of our degenerating in this attribute. The present age is much and justly eulogized for its philanthropy and its active zeal. We are thought to be much in advance of our fathers, and in some respects we are so; but in respect to a sound theology widely diffused among the people, if we compare the present with the earlier days of New England, we shall find ourselves deficient. The age is not characterized by the depth of its theology, or the profoundness of its philosophy. Nor is it *favorable* to such a condition of the mind. With its diversified means of occupying the attention, as an age of various and stimulated action, it offers more for the excitement and diversion of the mind, than for its deep and patient meditation. See how the mass of the existing mind, religious and irreligious, is actually occupied,—with politics and morals,—with talkers and projectors,—with lecturers and tract-writers,—with innumerable periodicals,—with new religions and new apocryphas, and prophets, and new Utopias, or schemes and models of social organization—with wide schisms; in a word, with many "inventions," as well as with some of the most truly noble and godlike undertakings that the world has seen!

Now if the obvious and necessary tendency of these things be to make us lean and superficial in our knowledge of fundamental truths, it behooves us to see and remedy the evil. We who preach, must, if need be, make our sermons more didactic, devoting a larger portion of them to doctrinal discussion, and fewer to ethics and exhortation. And our hearers must be willing to give their patient, and perhaps laborious attention to such discussions; to patient reading, also, and to patient thinking. And heads of families must see that their children are properly indoctrinated.

We do not suppose, indeed, that every Christian is to become a finished theologian; but certainly it is desirable and practicable that every Christian should understand the essential points of his own belief, together with the arguments by which they are supported. A man is expected to do this, be his religion what it may, whether orthodox or heterodox. He is bound to do it for the credit of his own understanding, and in proof of the reality and sincerity of his professions; for it seems absurd, and makes his honesty questionable, to profess a

religion of which the professor himself is essentially ignorant,—of which he knows so imperfectly that he cannot state or defend it, or tell us what or wherefore he believes!

There is one item of religious knowledge involved in the general subject of this epistle, to which we wish in few words, before we close, particularly to call your attention; though we expressed ourselves at large upon it in our last communication. We refer to the ordinance of baptism. It is not without having given the most careful attention to the subject that we say that on no subject are we more entirely and satisfactorily settled than in the sentiments held by us and by Pedobaptists generally, (embracing the mass of Christendom,) in relation to that ordinance, both as to mode and subjects. We are desirous that our brethren generally should be possessed of enlightened and just views on this subject, not merely for their defence against the arts or persuasions of a different creed, but because we regard it as a most important branch of the Christian system, and as deeply affecting the duty and comfort of believers.

We regard the *mode* as less important, but we are not indifferent as to the mode. We believe the one practised by us to be the true and scriptural one. We think, however, that too much importance may be given to the mode. We can never believe that the mere *manner* of the rite, rather than the meaning and the subjects of it, is the essential thing to be respected; or that it should ever be thought worthy to disturb the harmony, or impassionate the zeal of churches. Were we even better satisfied as to the true mode than we are, we should still want a revelation from heaven before we should feel ourselves required or authorized to construct on that foundation a separating wall between brethren.

But in reference to the *subjects* of the ordinance, it especially concerns you to be well grounded; inasmuch as that matter touches vitally your *covenant* relations. Which of you can read the provision of that sacred and enduring covenant which God was pleased to enter into with "the father of all them that believe," and with his *seed* after him,* and observe the great importance attached to it by the parties, and the perpetual remembrance of it on God's part, and then read what Paul says of believers in Christ being heirs to that covenant,† without feeling that it still is, as it originally was, an

* Gen. xvii. † Rom. ii. 28, 29; ix. 6—8; iv. 9—17. Gal. iii. 7—9.

instrument of inestimable value? Which of you, if he *may* be an heir to it, with his children, would willingly deny himself or them the privilege? What Christian parent, believing himself to be recognized in it, would willingly dispense with the promises, the aids, the consolations connected with it? And yet, to deny the propriety of household or infant baptism, is to disown that covenant as applicable to believers, and thus to lose its benefits to ourselves and to our offspring.

It has been mentioned at this meeting that *more than twenty pastors, in connection with a single association, have died within about ten years*,—some of them in the beginning, and a large proportion of them in the midst of their ministerial life and usefulness, and several others have been forced to relinquish their work by loss of health. Brethren, what is the cause of this? Why this great mortality? The question is worthy to be pondered by the churches. Have not these pastors, in many cases, fallen victims to cares and labors from which they might have been spared; and does not the fact furnish another argument for that knowledge, on the part of the churches, of which we have been speaking? Were the spirit and measures of our churches controlled always by the spirit of a sound mind—their zeal directed by knowledge—would not the pastors be relieved from the heavier portion of those burthens which now oppress their minds, impair their health, and in many instances abridge their lives?

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 24, 1841.	To balance in the Treasury, -	$12 09	
June 29, 1842.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows :		
	Berkshire Association, - -	12 50	
	Hampshire, - - -	5 50	
	Hampshire East, - - -	10 50	
	Hampden, - - -	10 50	
	Franklin, - - - -	9 00	
	Brookfield, - - -	8 00	
	Harmony, - - - -	8 00	
	Worcester Central, - -	8 50	
	Worcester North, - - -	5 00	
	Midlesex Union, - -	8 00	
	Middlesex South, - - -	7 00	
	Woburn, - - -	3 50	
	Andover, - - - -	5 00	
	Essex North, - - -	9 00	
	Essex South, - - -	11 50	
	Suffolk North, - - -	9 00	
	Suffolk South, - - -	5 00	
	Norfolk, - - -	10 00	
	Taunton, - - - -	6 50	
	Mendon, - - -	3 50	
	Old Colony, - - -	6 50	
	Brewster, - - -	3 50	
	Vineyard Sound, - - -		
	Pilgrim, - - -	3 50	$181 09

Contra, Dr.

June 6, 1842.	Postage on letters, - - -	30	
June 29, "	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for General Association, for publishing and distributing 900 copies of Minutes for 1841,	143 45	
	To travelling expenses of Secretary, -	3 50	
	To the Committee of Correspondence with Ecclesiastical bodies at the South on Slavery,	16 00	163 25
	Balance in the Treasury, - -		$17 84

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above and find it correct.

GEORGE FISHER, } *Auditors.*
ENOCH SANFORD, }

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1842.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	32	69	101	1	9	10	3	7		10		3	100
" South,	Stillman Pratt,	Stated supply.	4	14	18	11		11					9	2	125
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	35	86	121				1	1		2		6	184
Dalton,	Thomas A. Hall,		40	94	134										
Egremont,	Vacant,		15	36	51	2	1	3		3		3	1	3	90
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	51	128	179	5	14	19	3	12		15		3	271
Hinsdale,	S. W. Banister,	June 2, 1841	40	80	120	4	4	8	2	3		5		10	180
Lanesboro',	John Ferguson,	Stated supply.	18	62	80										
Lee,	Wm. B. Bond,	March 18, 1840	154	248	402	56	11	67	11	10		21	19	10	241
Lenox,	S. Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	114	181	295	1	5	6	7	10		17		2	173
New Marlboro', North,	Chester Fitch,		48	108	156	26	1	27	2			2	8	3	189
" South,	Samuel Utley,	March 14, 1838	21	48	69										
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840													
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	78	111	189				1	7		8		6	200
Pittsfield,	Vacant,		152	311	463										
Richmond,	E. L. Clark,	June 20, 1838	34	71	105	17	2	19	4	2		6	5	3	100
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	62	152	214	25	4	29	10	2	1	13	10	3	175
Sheffield,	J. Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	60	182	242	18	6	24	6	6	1	13	6	3	441
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	63	185	248		2	2	2	9		11		7	123
" Curtisville,	J. T. Headley,	June 17, 1840													
Tyringham, South,	A. C. Page,	April 26, 1837	51	78	129		4	4	1	3		4			150
Washington,	K. Atkinson,	May 27, 1840	14	30	44					4				1	
West Stockbridge,	Vacant,														
" Village,	Vacant,														
Williamstown,	Amos Savage,	Feb. 1840	83	158	241	2	9	11	5	14		19	1	4	250
" South,	I. Tatlock,	Stated supply.	20	41	61										
" College,	Joseph Alden, D. D.														
Windsor,	P. Clarke,	Sept. 30, 1835	16	47	63				1	4		5		3	130
Canaan, 4 corners, N.Y.	J. J. Dana,	April 26, 1840	36	65	101	2	2	4	2	1		3		5	300
New Lebanon, N. Y.	John G. Hall,	Stated supply.	28	55	83	2	2	4	3	2		5	2		
New Concord, N. Y.	A. L. Crandall,		26	52	78					3		3			
Total, 31	27		1295	2692	3987	172	76	148	64	103	2	165	61	77	4322

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admisions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Bapitsms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chesterfield,			24	79	103	4		4	2	4		6	2		180
Cummington, 1st,	Samuel D. Darling,	Feb. 17, 1840	27	69	96		7	7	1	9		10		6	120
" Village,															
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	14	25	39	5	2	7		3		3	3		100
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789													
	Wm. Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	31	150	231	2	11	13		4		4		9	
Goshen,	J. C. Thompson,*	Oct. 4, 1837	25	64	89	1	2	3	4	5		9	1	1	120
Hatfield,	Henry Neal,														
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,														
North Hampton, 1st,	Charles Wiley,														
" Edwards chh.	John Mitchell,	Dec. 8, 1836			230				1	7	2	10			
Norwich,	Ebenezer B. Wright,		38	79	117				1	4		5		9	90
Plainfield,	Wm. A. Hawley,	July 21, 1841	72	126	198				3			3		2	200
South Hampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832													
West Hampton,															
Whately,															
Williamsburgh,			111	172	283	2	6	8	6	4	1	11	1	9	336
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	70	106	176	2	6	8	2	6	2	10		10	250
Total, 17	13		462	870	1562	16	33	50	20	47	5	61	7	46	1396

* Has left his people, though not dismissed in form.

HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, 1st,	Aaron M. Colton,	June 11, 1840	90	180	270	4	16	20	7	15		22	2	16	
" 2d,			58	116	174	6	7	13	1	10		11	1	7	150
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	49	83	132		4	4	1	3		4		8	250
" South,	Dana Goodsell,	April 21, 1841	33	70	103	2	9	11	1	4		5	1	1	110
" College,	H. Humphrey, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1823													
Belchertown,	George A. Oviatt,*	Sept. 1, 1841	191	269	460		10	10	7	10	1	18		10	468
Enfield,	Robert McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	87	173	260		1	1		5		5		7	300
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	99	206	305	4	6	10	8	15	3	29		16	275
Greenwich,			51	107	158	34	4	38	2			2	10		200
Hadley, 1st,	Vacant,														
" Russel-st.	J. Woodbridge, D. D.														
" Upper Mills,	Warren H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	30	47	77		2	2	1	3		4		2	100
Leverett,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	44	54	98		1	1		1		1		3	135
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	38	73	111		2	2	3	1	1	5	1	2	85
Pelham,	Vacant,		7	37	44	4	4	8	1			1		1	60
Prescott,	Francis Wood,	Oct. 2, 1839	19	39	58		2	2	3	4		7		1	90
South Hadley,	Joseph B. Condit,	July 8, 1835	83	172	255	16	16	32	7	6		13	2	14	200
" Canal,	Vacant,		36	86	122		8	8	1	6	1	8		6	150
Total, 13	13		905	1712	5137	70	93	162	43	86	6	126	17	94	2573

* Ordained over the Brainerd church August 29th, 1838—Installed over the 1st and Brainerd churches united September 1st, 1841.

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Tyler, Joseph W. Curtis, John Sanford, John Whiton, Eli Moodey, Francis Danforth, and Roswell Hawkes.

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	44	103	147		1	1	2	8		10		3	150
Chester,	——— Warriner,	1841	60	101	161										100
Granville,	T. M. Cooley,	Feb. 3, 1796	39	94	133	1	4	5	2	8	1	11		5	
" West,	Calvin Foot,	Sept. 1, 1841	38	61	99	11	4	15	2	1		3			108
Longmeadow,	H. Bebee,	Oct. 18, 1837	75	123	198	4	6	10	7	3		10	4	5	155
" East,	M. Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	35	71	106	1	1	2	3	3		5		2	
Ludlow,	A. Sanderson,	Jan. 2, 1839													
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	148	239	387	1	7	8	4	11		15		7	390
Montgomery,	——— Edson,	Stated supply.	15	50	65										40
Russell,	Vacant,				15										
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838			91	35	2	37	2	9		11	27		60
Springfield,	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	111	315	416			18	7	47*		54		13	420
" Chickopee,	Eli B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	29	59	88		3	3		4		4		4	126
" Chickopee Falls,	E. P. Rogers,	Nov. 4, 1840	28	89	117	7	5	12	1	13		14	4	13	200
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	49	100	149	14	7	21	1	3		4	2	6	225
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	49	140	189	14	32	46	2	4	3	9	7	3	250
" 7th chh.	Vacant,				50										
Tolland,	Job Cushman,	Stated supply.	15	23	38				2			2		1	
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June 1, 1836	93	283	376	17	13	30	3	9		17	5	15	400
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	94	195	289	20	8	28	7	3		10	6	9	300
" Ireland,	Gideon Dana,	Feb. 24, 1841	27	63	90	6	4	10	5	4		9	9	9	120
" Agawam,	R. A. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	65	95	160		2	2	1	3		4		10	76
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,	1841	23	59	82	1	5	6	2	1		3		1	68
Wilbraham,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	73	120	193	20	4	24	3	5		8	16	5	175
" South,	J. H. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	25	57	82		2	2	2			2		3	100
Total, 25	24		1135	2440	3711	142	115	289	63	133	4	207	80	114	3443

* 32 recommended to form the 7th church.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840													
Bernardston,	Frederic Janes,	Nov. 4, 1840	43	77	120	37	7	44					7	1	125
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	54	106	160	2	2	4	3	2	1	6		4	235
Charlemont,	John D. Smith,	Nov. 20, 1839	44	92	136	8	3	11		5		5	2	10	200
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	17	57	74		1	1		1	1	2			65
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	81	171	252	8	4	12		5		5	5	3	223
Deerfield, North,	Pomeroy Belden,	Stated supply.	17	49	66		1	1		1		3		1	80
" South,	William M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	54	98	152		4	5	1	17		18		7	180
Ervingville,	Vacant,		12	8	20		1	1		4		4		2	40
*Erving,	Vacant,		3	10	13										70
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	6	34	40	3	3	6						1	75
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	13	35	48	1	2	3							85
* " 2d,	L. L. Langstroth,	Stated supply.	34	80	114										75
Hawley, East,	Tyler Thatcher,	May 14, 1834	53	82	135	1	2	3	3	9	1	13		4	100
" West,	Moses Miller,	May 20, 1840	20	34	54	2	8	10	1	1		2		3	75
Heath,															
*New Salem,	Erastus Curtis,	Oct. 23, 1834	27	63	90										100
Northfield,	Nathaniel Richardson,	Oct. 21, 1840	23	65	88	14	5	19	2	5	1	8	4	4	125
Rowe,	Andrew Govan,		12	31	43	1	1	2			1	1			60
Shelburne,	T. Packard, / T. Packard, Jr.	Feb. 20, 1799 / March 12, 1823	65	108	173	4	1	5	3	9		12	3	7	260
Sunderland,	Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	64	109	173		4	4	1	5	4	10		4	200
*Shutesbury,	Martyn Cushman,	Stated supply.	16	38	54										
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,		15	36	51	1	2	3		4		4	1	6	122
Wendel,	Salmon Bennett,		22	60	82		2	2	3	4	2	9		3	150
Total, 25	22		695	1383	2078	82	53	135	17	75	11	103	22	60	2695

* Last year's report.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Barre,	E. D. Moore,	July 4, 1840			196	5	3	8	2	2		4			250
Brimfield,	G. C. Partridge,	Feb. 9, 1842	81	169	250										375
Brookfield, South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801													
" West,	W. A. Nichols,	Sept. 12, 1838	28	71	99	5		5		3	1	9	2	5	120
Charlton,	Moses Chase,	Jan. 12, 1842	144	265	409										300
Dudley,	G. W. Underwood,	Feb. 12, 1840	15	72	87	6	3	9	3	6		9	4	7	125
Hardwick,	Vacant,		56	121	177										200
Holland,	B. M. Fay,	May 20, 1840	47	93	140	3	2	5	6	5	3	14	2	3	225
New Braintree,	J. Sanford,	Stated supply.	19	40	59	3		3	1			1	3		65
North Brookfield,	John Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	37	103	140	1	2	3	7	2		9		3	120
Oakham,	T. Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1793	75	156	231	3	2	5	1	9		10	1	7	355
	D. Tomlinson,	June 22, 1786													
	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	44	113	157	1	5	6	3	12	1	16	1	9	330
Palmer,	M. K. Cross,	Feb. 2, 1842			170										150
Southbridge,	E. Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	50	102	152	5	4	9	4	4		8	3	3	200
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	28	78	106	4	8	12		5	1	6	1	2	145
Storrsville,	J. C. Houghton,	Dec. 23, 1840	9	30	39	5	3	8		3		3	2	1	107
Sturbridge,	D. R. Austin,	May 1, 1839	114	218	332	25	9	34	7	15		22	18	11	290
Ware, East,	Vacant,				100										250
" West,	Vacant,				150										120
Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836			152			5	4			4		6	244
Total, 19	18		747	1631	3146	66	41	112	38	71	6	115	37	57	4021

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Joseph Vaill, Rev. Francis Horton, Rev. Walter Follett, and Rev. William E. Dixon.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Douglass, 1st chh.	David Holman,	Oct. 19, 1808	25	78	103				2			2			80
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	75	165	240	19	5	24	4	9	1	14	2	12	400
Hopkinton,	John C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	34	100	134	2	2	4	3			3	1	7	260
Millbury, 1st cong. chh.	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	52	115	167	4	2	6	5	4		9	3	6	200
" Grass Hill,	Sidney Holman,	July 1, 1840	28	53	81				5			5		1	80
Mendon, North,	Andrew H. Reed,	Stated supply.	8	32	40	2	3	5		2			1		74
" Blackstone,	Michael Burdett,	May, 1841													
" Millville,	Willard Holbrook,	Aug. 1841	7	25	32		2	2		10		10		1	60
Northbridge,	Lewis Pennell,	April 3, 1839	35	62	97				1	3		4		6	80
" Village,	Lewis F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	27	63	90	4	1	5	1	2		3	3	2	150
Slatersville, R. I.	Timothy A. Taylor,	1839	14	50	64	6	6	12	1	5		6	2	2	220
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	85	169	254	3		3	5	3	2	10	2	5	200
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796													
Uxbridge,	David A. Grosvenor,	June 6, 1832	51	173	224	2	2	4	8	8		16	1	2	300
Webster,	H. A. Read,	May 6, 1841			98	15	15	30					12	3	100
Westborough,	Charles B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	106	230	336			8	5	9		14	1	20	290
Total, 16	16		547	1315	1862	57	38	95	40	55	3	98	23	67	2494

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	60	127	187	2	2	4	1	9		10		5	175
Berlin,	Robert Carver,	Nov. 21, 1838	36	63	99	4	1	5	2		1	3	1	6	155
Boylston,	William H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	60	124	184		5	5	1	13		14		7	150
East Douglas,	C. D. Rice,	Stated supply.	25	48	73			7				6	6		200
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	159	271	430	46	8	54	8	6	2	16	18	5	300
Hubbardston,	Oliver B. Bidwell,	Dec. 1, 1841	51	121	172		1	1	3	7	3	13		13	175
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	83	141	224	4	7	11	6	22		28	3	11	212
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	65	94	159	14	13	27	4	1		5	6	9	175
Northboro',	Joshua Bates, D. D.	Not settled.			77			7							
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	100	203	303	1	14	15	8	14	1	23	1	2	290*
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps, Jr.	1841			127			10				3	6		
Princeton,	Willard M. Harding,	May 20, 1840			247	13	5	18	1	10		11	4		300
Rutland,	Josiah Clarke,	June 2, 1818	90	157	247	6	3	9	2	1		3		4	200
Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841	86	153	239	7	15	22	9	1		10	3	11	300
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	64	169	233	10	11	21	2	27	1	30	7	24	350
Worcester, 1st par.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827	106	189	295					6		6			278
" Calvinistic,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	82	186	268	4	16	20	6	12		18	2	10	277
" Union,	E. Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	96	139	235	20	31	51	2	8		10	8	7	450
Total, 18	18		1163	2185	3799	133	132	287	55	137	8	203	65	114	3937

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, Chaplain of the Hospital in Worcester, Elijah Demond, and Jonathan Longley.

*Last Report.

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashburnham,	†Edwin Jennison,	May 12, 1842	134	255	389	5	1	6	4	6		10	3	5	230
Athol,	Richard M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	72	137	209	5	1	6	2	9		11	3	4	200
Gardner,	William B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	49	102	151				3			3			
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	27	53	80	4	5	9	5		2	7	1	1	
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	52	130	182	2	2	4	6	4		10	1	3	
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	55	119	174	24	4	28	2	3	1	6		16	
" South,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Dec. 13, 1838	20	35	55		1	1		2		2		1	100
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	40	66	106	2	11	13		8		8		8	135
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	113	229	342	1	4	5	6	11	1	18		9	175
*Winchendon,	Edwin Leigh,	Stated supply.	72	160	232										130
Total, 10	10		634	1286	1920	43	29	72	28	43	4	75	8	55	970

* Last year's report. † Not connected with the Association. *Without Pastoral Charge.*—Columbus Shumway, Petersham.

MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Bapitsms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Foxborough,	Daniel Poor,	March 11, 1840	25	70	96	2	1	3	1	1		2	1	3	175
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 7, 1839			162	3	6	9	4	3		7	3	4	*
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	21	55	76	2		2	2			2		13	114
Medway, Village,	D. Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	27	83	110		3	3		2		2		4	175
" 2d chh.	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	42	124	166	1		1	1	4		5	1	7	200
Milford,	David Long,	May 20, 1801	19	69	88	1		1	1			1	1	5	250
Wrentham,	Elisha Fisk,	June 12, 1799	60	164	244	6	1	7	3	2		5	4	12	425
Total, 7	7		195	565	942	15	11	26	12	12		24	10	48	1339

*Not reported.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	74	117	191	5	1	6	3	4		7	1	7	200
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839			162	1	9	10	4	2		6		4	200
Bolton,	Henry Adams,	Feb. 10, 1842	15	43	58	2	1	3		3	1	4			101
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	21	29	50				1			1			40
Carlisle,	P. Smith,	Aug. 31, 1842	7	36	43				2			2			75
Dunstable,	L. Brigham,	March 15, 1837	34	74	110		2		1			1		2	150
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	97	219	316		5	5	11	7	4	22		11	490
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	103	139	242	7	3	10	2		1	3		8	250
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	50	116	165	9	2	11	1	1		2	4	2	150
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	20	43	63	4	8	12	1	2		3	3	5	191
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	54	105	159	3	8	11	1	5		6	2	7	200
Littleton,	J. C. Bryant,	Oct. 28, 1840	18	22	40	4	1	5	1	3		4	2	1	70
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	21	60	81	17	1	18	2				4	16	
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	142	240	382		4	4	5	6	1	12		3	400
Stow,	E. P. Dyer,	Sept. 25, 1839	22	42	64	12	3	15		2		2	8	1	80
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	17	52	69	1		1	2	5		7		3	125
Townsend,	D. Stowell,	June 23, 1837	112	221	333										
Westford,	L. Luce,	April 8, 1829	66	124	190	1	5	6	3	4	2	9	1	3	200
Total, 18	18		894	2212	3106	64	53	114	41	44	9	92	25	71	2312

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals *in* 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Concord,	James Means,	Jan. 8, 1840	17	75	92	2	5,	7	3	6		9	1	5	145
Dover,*															
Framingham,	David Brigham,‡	Dec. 29, 1836	60	160	220		1	1	5	1		6		12	260
Holliston,†	John Storrs,	Dec. 20, 1836	54	124	178		1	1	2	6		8		4	240
Lincoln,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	23	68	91	1	3	4	3	2		5		1	125
Marlborough,	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	41	106	147	3	2	5	1	8		9		4	258
Medway, 1st,	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	53	125	178	4	4	8		5	2	7	3	5	180
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	54	120	174	9		9	2			2	5	2	250
Needham, West,	J. W. Sessions,	Oct. 2, 1833	25	74	99										140
Saxonville,†	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838			43										150
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	51	99	150	1	2	3	5	9	1	15	1		150
Southborough,†					142										300
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841			180	14	2	16	1	2		3	4	16	172
Unionville,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	22	48	70		4	4		4	2	6		7	200
Wayland,†	J. Wheelock Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841			81										118
Total, 15	13		400	999	1845	34	24	58	22	43	5	70	14	56	2688

* Not reported. † Reported in part. ‡ Rev. David Kellogg, D. D., is senior pastor of the church, but not a member of the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Jacob Cummings. *Licentiates.*—William B. Tappan and Harvey Newcomb.

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	S. Hopkins Emery,	June 30, 1841	55	122	177	22	5	27	5	1		6	8	7	225
*Billerica,	Vacant,														
Burlington,	Vacant,		28	55	83				2	1	2	5		1	40
†Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 1832	95	153	248										
* " South,	Reuben Emerson,														
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1841	30	77	107		14	14		1		1		10	240
†Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 1806			136										
Wilmington,	Francis Norwood,	May 18, 1831	29	86	115	3		3	2			2		2	100
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1822	131	357	488	2	2	4	6	6	6	14	2	7	300
Total, 9	7		268	850	1404	27	21	48	15	9	4	28	10	27	905

* Not reported. † Last year's report.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Samuel Sewall, Burlington; Free Grace Reynolds, Wilmington; —— Sanborn, Reading; —— Stephens, Stoneham.

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover, West par.	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	72	146	218	9	6	15	3	11		14	1	11	300
" South par.	John L Taylor,	July 18, 1839	169	361	530	13	9	22	1	10	2	13	5	9	500
" North par.	Jesse Page,	Sept. 9, 1835	23	65	88	4	2	6	4			4	1	5	200
" Chapel chh.	Ralph Emerson, D. D.				100	2	4	6	1	6		7		2	150
Lowell, 1st,	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	107	715	822	24	38	62	6	22		28	14	9	600
" Appleton-st.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	115	449	564			33	4	21		25			
" John-st.	Stedman W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840			439	10	44	54	7			21			436
North Reading,	Vacant,		23	54	77	6	1	7	1			1	1	4	130
North Chelmsford,	Benjamin F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	25	33	58	2		2	2	1		3	2	3	75
Dracut, West,	Joseph Merrill,	April 20, 1842	20	50	70	6	4	10	3	5		8	4	9	
" Evan. chh.	Vacant,		32	111	143	3	2	5	1	6		7	2	6	210
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839			198	3	3	6	3	4	1	8	2	4	304
Total, 12	10				3317	82	113	223	36	86	3	106	32	62	2955

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	ec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	L. W. Clark,	Nov. 1, 1837	65	130	195										150
" Mills,	—— Merrill,		49	118	167										
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837	23	53	76									3	110
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836			182	3	4	7	3	4		7	2	3	250
" East,	G. B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814	81	122	203	1	1	2	3			6		6	215
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	45	100	145										175
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797			162										250
Haverhill,	E. A. Lawrence,	May 8, 1839	59	130	189	4	18	22	2	1		3	2	2	190
" North,	David Oliphant,	Stated supply.													
" East,	J. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835	13	33	46										66
" West,	A. Cross,	June 18, 1831	32	83	115										135
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	48	136	184										200
" Linebrook,	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816													
" Belleville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	50	97	147										150
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. chh.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 3, 1819	68	290	358										200
" Temple-st. chh.	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837	100	201	301										404
" Federal-st. chh.	—— Stearns,														
Rowley,	—— Pike,		33	67	100										175
Salisbury, (R. Hill,)	B. Sawyer,	Stated supply.			52										75
W. Newbury, East,	—— Sheldon,	Stated supply.			75	2	1	3	4						
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	56	120	176	5	1	6	4	2	2	8	2	2	150
Total, 23	21				2871										2995

ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Beverly, Dane-st. chh.	J. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	60	150	210				4			4			170
" Washington-st.	Wm. Bushnell,	Jan. 3, 1838	28	88	116		1	1	3	1		4		8	100
" North,	John Foote,	Stated supply.	3	21	24				1			1		4	45
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 3, 1838	17	38	55	1		1	1			1	1	1	150
Danvers, 1st chh.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	50	147	197	17	1	18	4	5	1	10	9	9	200
" 2d chh.	Thomas P. Field,	Oct. 1, 1840	25	144	169	2	1	3	2			2		3	150
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	47	92	139	3		3	1	1		2		2	220
Gloucester, Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	23	87	110	2	6	8	2	2		4	1	7	190
" Annisquam par.	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	8	22	30	5	2	7		2		2	1	3	70
" West par.	J. Cummings,	Stated supply.	11	26	37										60
Hamilton,	George W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	25	81	96				4			4			130
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	33	117	150	7	2	9	3	3		6	1	7	200
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	46	130	176		9	9	1	2		3			250
Lynnfield,	H. S. Green,	Dec. 27, 1837	17	39	56	5	1	6	1	2		3		1	80
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 13, 1839			297	5	4	9	7	5		12	1	15	250
Marblehead,	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	56	247	303	1		1	8	1	1	10		12	200
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	52	98	150	3		3	2			2		7	120
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	125	202	327	8	3	11	7	5		12	20	22	370
Salem, Crombie-st. chh	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	38	137	175				3	8	1	12			160
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840	42	103	145	6		6	2	2		4	2	8	140
" South,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805	73	282	355	3	2	7	7			7		15	390
" Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	82	350	432	4	8	12	2	7	3	12	2	24	400
Saugus,	Moses Sawyer,	Stated supply.	8	15	23	1		1	1			1	1		78
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	58	123	181				3	4		7		5	90
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	36	61	97	1		1	2	2		4		6	175
Total. 25	25		963	2800	4050	74	34	116	71	52	6	129	39	159	4388

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841				Baptisms.		ab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Green-st.	William Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 5, 1826	40	175	215	9	3	12		5		5	2	15	87
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	82	378	460	9	6	15	1	10		11		10	180
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 1832	194	365	559	23	24	47	3	25		28	15	30	325
" Salem-st.	Joseph H. Towne,	June 2, 1837	138	306	444	23	15	38	5	31		36	7		469
" Central,	William M. Rogers,	Aug 6, 1835	105	180	285	7	25	32	3	12		15	1	6	250
" Garden-st.	William R. Chapman,	Sept. 8, 1841	24	64	88	20	12	32		4		4	40	20	175
" East Boston,			24	46	70	1	8	9	2	2		4		5	90
Cambridge, Shep. chh.	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	45	115	160	10	3	13							185
" Port,	William A. Stearns,	Dec. 11, 1831	71	153	224	4	10	14	7	8		15	1	15	150
Charlestown, 1st chh.	W. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	50	206	256	3	2	5	5	12		17	1	6	320
" Winthrop,	Daniel Crosby,	Aug. 14, 1833	70	162	232	8	13	21	3	16	1	21	4	17	252
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	64	135	199	10	9	19		3		3	4	10	225
Malden,	A. W. McClure,	Dec. 19, 1832	25	62	87	4		4		2		2			93
Newton, 1st,					155				1	6		7		7	120
" 2d,	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	31	49	80	4		4	3			3	2	3	75
Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838	17	115	132	2	2	4	2	12	2	20	2	9	200
Chelsea,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Nov. 20, 1839	13	31	44	1		1		5		5		4	30
Total, 17	15		99[illegible]	2542	3690	138	132	270	35	153	3	196	79	157	3226

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadly, Asa Bullard, Seth Bliss, and George C. Beckwith.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis	Ex.	Total	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Pine-st.	Austin Phelps,	March 31, 1842	67	171	238		6	6	4	15		19			250
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	126	419	545	19	25	44	7	7	2	16	10	34	300
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	156	414	570	34	28	62		21	1	22	9	20	375
" Mariners,	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	76	74	150	2	2	4	1			1	1	4	216
S. Boston, Phillips chh.			74	161	235	11	8	19	2	7		9	3	9	175
Brighton,	John R. Adams,	Feb. 2, 1842	51	107	158		3	3		13		13			159
Dedham,	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	62	192	254	5	1	6	4	4		8	2	5	325
Roxbury,			49	98	147	7	7	14		17		17		8	205
" West,	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	17	52	69		1	1		1		1			
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	29	95	124		1	1	4	1		5		7	200
Total, 10	8		707	1783	2490	78	82	160	22	86	3	111	25	87	2205

Without Pastoral Charge.—Louis Dwight, David Greene, Joseph S. Clark, and Samuel H. Riddel.

Removed from the bounds of the Association.—Jacob Abbott, A. A. Phelps, S. Lamson, and E. P. Sperry.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total	Adults.	Infants	
Abington, 1st chh.	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	35	61	96		1	1	1			1		1	116
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840	35	41	76										213
Braintree, 1st chh.	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	43	131	174	2	1	3	4	2		6		1	225
" South,	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	14	30	44	2	1	3	2			2		3	150
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	66	129	195	2	1	3	6	1	2	9	1	4	200
*Bridgewater,	†Samuel S. Tappan,	March 30, 1842	30	58	88	2		2	2			2	1		75
*Canton,	Vacant,		5	12	17										
Cohasset,	†Daniel H. Babcock,	June 9, 1842	13	72	85	1		1	1	5		6		2	
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	30	92	122		6	6	2			2	2	2	35
Dorchester, 2d chh.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	90	250	340	2	4	6	5	3	1	9		9	250
" Village,	Daniel Butler,	Oct. 31, 1838	36	126	162	6	1	7		7		7	3	3	150
Easton,	Luther Shelden,	Oct. 24, 1810	34	90	124				3	4		7		4	161
E. and W. Bridgewater	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	37	67	104	3	2	5	1	2		3		4	200
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	55	71									4	125
*Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	6	36	42										
Milton,	Samuel W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	31	97	128		3	3	3	3		6		6	130
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	76	144	220	6		6	1	3		4	6		350
" South par.	Daniel Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	17	26	43				1			1			
Randolph, 1st chh.	Calvin Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	47	82	129	1	1	2	1			1	1		150
" *East,	Vacant,		46	66	112										120
*Sharon,	L. R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841	29	71	100										
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery, Jr.	Jan. 25, 1838	45	129	174	12	1	13	2	3		5	7		200
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838	25	72	97		1	1	1	2	3	6		13	170
Total, 23	21		806	1937	2743	39	23	62	36	35	6	77	21	56	3070

* Last year's report. † Not yet connected with the Association. *Without Pastoral Charge.*—Dennis Powers.

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. &
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Attleboro',	J. Crane,	Oct. 20, 1840	54	164	218	2	2	4	1	2		3	1	5	
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	48	153	207	18	7	25	3	6	2	11	15	6	290
Rehoboth,	J. C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	24	58	82	6		6	2	3		5	4	3	130
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	94	230	324	1		1	11	4		15	1	12	560
West Middleboro',	H. Barrows,	June 1, 1836	38	74	112	2		2		4		4	3		150
Raynham,	E. Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	35	112	147				2			2			185
North Middleboro',	P. Colby,	Jan. 6, 1817	44	94	138										75
Bridgewater,	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	8	23	31										85
Seekonk,	J. O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824			106				1					10	100
Taunton,	E. Maltby,	June 8, 1826	69	215	284	4	7	11		6		2		8	340
" West,	A. Cobb,	April 19, 1815	32	103	135	3	2	5							175
" Spring-st.	Vacant,				73										125
Dighton,	J. Shaw,	Stated supply.			39										50
Norton,	C. W. Allen,	July 8, 1835	31	83	114	1	5	6	2		1	3	1	1	200
Berkley,	C. Chamberlain,	June 8, 1842			100										
West Attleboro',	I. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 29, 1840													125
Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838			37										75
Total, 17	16		477	1315	2253	37	23	50	21	25	2	40	24	35	2665

Without Pastoral Charge.—Thomas Andros.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dartmouth,	Andrew Bigelow,	Aug. 25, 1841	23	78	101	8		8		1		1			75
New Bedford, 1s chh.	Daniel C. Burt,	July, 1835	11	34	45				1			1			110
" North,*															
" Trinitarian,	James A. Roberts,	1832	33	76	109	24	9	33		1		1	12	16	150
Fairhaven,	Jacob Roberts,	1839	139	65	204	5		5	2	93		95	5	6	112
" Centre-st. chh †					97										177
Rochester, Centre chh.	Jonathan Bigelow,	May, 10, 1827	27	92	119		1	1		2		2			100
" Sippican,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	Feb. 5, 1799													
	Leander Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1841			51										70
" Mattapoisett,	Thomas Robbins, D. D.	Oct. 17, 1832	55	94	149	2		2	10			10	1	5	130
" North,*															
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	32	98	130	1		1	1	3		4		5	
Middleboro', 1st chh.	Israel W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	58	189	247	25	1	26					15	3	150
Total, 12	10		378	726	1252	65	11	74	14	100		103	33	35	1074

* Not reported. † Organized March 1842.

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Brewster,	Samuel Williams,	1832	15	56	71	2		2							116
Chatham,	Charles Rockwell,	March 27, 1839	39	100	139										120
Dennis, North,	Daniel Kendrick,	Dec. 1839	10	12	22										15
" South,	J. Jennigs,	Stated supply.	38	77	115	5	2	7		1		1	4	1	223
Eastham,	Solomon Hardy,	Stated supply.	16	38	54	2	1	3	4			4		3	50
Harwich,	William H. Adams,	Stated supply.	18	62	80	1		1	3			3		2	120
Orleans,	Jacob White,	Stated supply.	55	110	165			22	4	3		7	12	4	300
Provincetown,	Calvin White,	Stated supply.	6	14	20	3	4	7							
Truro,	Charles Boyter,	March 16, 1836	50	83	133				2			2		3	170
" North,	B. N. Southworth,	Stated supply.	5	23	28										
Wellfleet,	E. W. Allen,	Stated supply.	51	111	162	27	1	28	4	2	1	7	15	2	30
" South,	Isaac S. Bassett,	April 27, 1842	34	120	154	14	2	16	1	9		10			
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	April 24, 1822	42	87	129	1		1	3			3		6	
" South,	—— Brown,	Stated supply.	7	58	65	3		3	2			2			
Total, 14	14		386	951	1337	58	10	90	28	15	1	39	31	21	1194

Without Pastoral Charge.—Enoch Pratt.

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Totat.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Nantucket,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Nov. 1841			350										
Edgartown,	Allen Gannet,	July 19, 1835			101										79
West Tisbury,	Ebenezer Chase,	Stated supply.	14	34	48										30
Chilmark,	Lewis Spofford,	1841			24										
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 2, 1837	73	194	267	13	2	15	2	1		2	4	14	300
" North,	C. C. Beman,	Stated supply.	29	47	86										
" East,	J. D. Lewis,	Stated supply.	25	42	67										50
Sandwich,	R. M. Pease,	Stated supply.	63	130	190	1	1	2		2		2			
Barnstable, West,	T. Riggs,	Oct. 28, 1840	40	84	124	3		3		1		1			55
" Centre chh.	Elisha Bacon,	Stated supply.	28	52	80	43		43						18	
Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1811													70
Monument,	H. Lucas,	June 1841	11	39	50									1	45
Total, 12	12		303	822	1267	60	3	63	2	4		5	4	35	929

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Carver,	Jonathan King,*														
Kingston,	H. L. Hammond,	June 1, 1841	11	25	36										75
Plymouth, Monum. par.	John Dwight,	July 1841			96	2	5	7	3			3	2	2	
" Eel River,	Benjamin Whitman,*														
" Chh. of Pilgrimage	Robert B. Hall,	Aug. 23, 1837	30	120	150	4	3	7			1	1		25	125
" Robinson chh.	Cyrus Mann,		15	65	80	8	2	10						4	85
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	23	78	106	8	3	11	9	5		14	8	4	168
Total, 7	7		84	278	468	22	13	35	12	5	1	15	10	35	443

* Not reported.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1842.			Admissions in 1841.			Removals in 1841.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. & Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Total,															

Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.

☞It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting, next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism;—and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an

assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two del-

egates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The Address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorised to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it

will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts convened at Sunderland, in the meeting-house of the Rev. Austin Cary, Tuesday, June 27th, 1843, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Mr. Carey.

Rev. Erastus Maltby was appointed to read the certificates of membership. It appeared that the following persons were regularly appointed delegates to the Association.

Berkshire Association,	Rev. John G. Hall, Rev. William B. Bond.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Edward Clarke, Rev. Charles Wiley.
Hampshire East Asso.	Rev. John Sanford, Rev. Ira Danforth.
Hampden Association,	Rev. Ezekiel Russell, Rev. A. A. Wood.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Preston Cummings, Rev. Frederic Janes.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Eber Carpenter, Rev. George Trask.
Harmony Association,	Rev. David Holman, Rev. Chauncey D. Rice.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. George Allen.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. R. M. Chipman, Rev. S. H. Peckham.
Mendon Association,	Rev. D. J. Poor.

Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. E. W. Harrington, Rev. David Stowell.
Middlesex South Asso.	Rev. Samuel Hunt, Rev. Edmund Dowse.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Joseph Bennett, Rev. John Haven.
Andover Association,	Rev. J. L. Taylor, Rev. S. W. Hanks.
Essex North Association,	Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns.
Essex South Association,	Rev. Daniel Fitz.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. Joseph H. Towne, Rev. John Whitney.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Edward N. Kirk.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Daniel Butler.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Erastus Maltby, Rev. Alvan Cobb.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. James A. Roberts, Rev. Samuel Nott, Jr.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	Rev. Giles Pease.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Charles Boyter.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. R. B. Hall.
Mass. Missionary Society,	Rev. Joseph S. Clark.

Ex Officiis.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Austin Carey, Pastor of the Church in Sunderland.

The following delegates were also present from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Daniel V. McLean.

Constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Edward Beecher, D. D.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Thomas Boutelle.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. A. Goldsmith.

General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, Rev. N. Bishop.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Winthrop Fifield.

General Association of Michigan, Rev. J. D. Peirce.

Honorary Members.

Delegate to the General Association of New York, Rev. Emerson Davis.

Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Parsons Cooke.

Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. A. R. Baker.

Invited Honorary Member.

Rev. Dr. Scudder, Missionary to Madras.

Rev. Joseph Bennett was chosen Moderator, Rev. Erastus Maltby, Scribe, and Rev. Eber Carpenter, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the Association were read, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed :—

Committee on Election, Rev. A. R. Baker, Rev. Preston Cummings, and Rev. David Holman.

Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Austin Carey, Rev. Francis Danforth, and Rev. George Trask.

Committee to audit accounts, Rev. Wm. B. Bond and Rev. Alvan Cobb.

Committee of nominations, Rev. Charles Wiley, Rev. Samuel H. Peckham, and Rev. Parsons Cooke.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, Rev. E. Davis, Rev. T. Snell, D. D., Rev. R. M. Chipman, Rev. Alvan Cobb, and Rev. Daniel Fitz.

A communication was received from an Ecclesiastical Body in Michigan ; and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A communication was received from an Ecclesiastical Organization in Wisconsin Territory ; which was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Parsons Cooke, Rev. Emerson Davis, and Rev. A. R. Baker.

Voted that the appointing of Agents to print and circulate the Minutes be committed to the Committee on Publication.

Communications were read from Rev. C. Durfee, Delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, stating that he was favorably and kindly received. Also a similar one from Rev. F. Horton, Delegate to Vermont.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning, 8 *o'clock.* The Association met agreeably to adjournment.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Rev. Parsons Cooke, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, reported his attendance and fraternal reception at the meeting of that body.

Rev. E. Davis made a similar report of his attendance of the meeting of the General Association of New York.

The Committee to whom was referred a request of the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin Territory to commence a correspondence with this body, reported ; whereupon

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Association be instructed to notify that Body, that their communication was respectfully and kindly received ; but that on account of the non-reception of documents sent for our information respecting the principles and organization of that Body, we, at the present time, decline to accept their proposal.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the General Association of Michigan, reported—

That they have examined the Constitution and Creed and also the credentials presented by the Delegate from that body, and recommend that a correspondence be opened with the General Association of Michigan, and that the Rev. I. D. Pierce be received as a corresponding member.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Scudder, Missionary to Madras, being present, be invited to sit as an honorary member of this Association.

The following members were appointed a Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion :—Rev. E. N. Kirk, Rev. D. V. McLean, Rev. E. Beecher, D. D., Rev. T. Boutell, Rev. Wm. B. Bond, and Rev. George Allen.

On the Committee of Publication, the following persons were appointed, viz :— Rev. E. Maltby, Rev. D. Butler, and Rev. J. Whitney.

A communication was received from the Essex North Association, inquiring as to the expediency of incorporating the General Association with the Pastoral Association; which was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Pease, Carpenter, and Stearns.

A communication was received from Rev. A. D. Eddy, Delegate from the Constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and who was unable to be present.

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Hooker, of Vermont, on the subject of Church Psalmody.

A Report was presented by the General Convention of Vermont, on the subject of Church Psalmody, which was referred to Rev. Messrs. Davis, J. S. Clark, and Holman.

The Committee for nominating Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported the following:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Justin Edwards, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. David Brigham, }
Rev. Constantine Blodget, } Substitutes.
Rev. Seth Sweetser, }

To the Constitutional Presbyterian Church.
Rev. S. G. Buckingham, } Primaries.
Rev. Elam Smalley, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.
Rev. Erastus Maltby, } Primaries.
Rev. G. B. Perry, }
Rev. Horatio Bardwell, } Substitutes.
Rev. W. A. Stearns, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.
Rev. Charles Rockwell, } Primaries.
Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, }
Rev. Amariah Chandler, } Substitutes.
Rev. E. A. Lawrence, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.
Rev. J. Pike, } Primaries.
Rev. Hiram A. Tracy, }
Rev. Daniel Fitz, } Substitutes.
Rev. R. C. Hatch, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. R. B. Hall, } Primaries.
Rev. Charles B. Kittridge, }
Rev. J. Albro, } Substitutes.
Rev. Daniel Butler, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Charles Packard, } Primaries.
Rev. Elisha Bacon, }
Rev. S. Osgood, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. Joseph Bennett, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. George Allen, } Primaries.
Rev. Sereno D. Clarke, }
Rev. William B. Bond, } Substitutes.
Rev. T. D. Southworth, }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. P. Cooke, } Primaries.
Rev. J. S. Clark, }
Rev. E. Davis, } Substitutes.
Rev. R. M. Chipman, }

The following Remonstrance was received from the Old Colony Association:

To the General Association of Massachusetts—

The Old Colony Association, believing that American slavery is not a subject which comes within the cognizance of the General Association, that all action of the Association tends only to evil among ourselves as well as among our brethren at the South, beg leave respectfully and earnestly to remonstrate against any action on the part of the Association, in reference to the subject of American slavery.

This remonstrance was passed by a unanimous vote.

William Gould, Moderator.
Andrew Bigelow, Scribe.

South Dartmouth, Oct. 25, 1842.

Whereupon, Resolved, That the General Association of Massachusetts can, by no means, reciprocate the sentiments in the Remonstrance of the Old Colony Association on the subject of slavery, and, that, instead of silence or inaction, on the

subject of American Slavery, we deem it our duty and privilege as ministers and christians, to speak freely, openly, with earnestness and in kindness, and to act in the same spirit, for the relief of our oppressed and suffering countrymen and christian brethren.

Voted to adjourn to meet in this place at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met, agreebly to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Justin Edwards, D. D.

Rev. R. B. Hall appeared from Pilgrim Association, and took his seat.

Attended to the Narratives of the state of religion in the several District Associations. Narratives were also presented by delegates from the State of Vermont, by Rev. N. Bishop; from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Daniel V. McLean; from the Constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by Rev. E. Beecher, D. D.; from the General Association of Connecticut, by Rev. Thomas Boutelle; from the General Association of New Hampshire, by Rev. Winthrop Fifield; from Evangelical Congregational Consociation of Rhode Island, by Rev. A. Goldsmith; from the General Association in Michigan, by Rev. J. D. Pierce.

After prayer, adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

A sermon from Matt. xi. 5, in behalf of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, was preached in the evening by Rev. Erastus Maltby.

Thursday morning, 8 o'clock. The Association met according to adjournment. The roll was called, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Voted, That the Essex North Association appoint a preacher for next year.

Dr. Snell, Rev. Daniel Fitz and Rev. John Haven, were appointed a Committee to designate a place for the meeting of the Association next year.

Rev. Messrs. Chipman, J. S. Clark and Butler, were appointed a Committee to nominate first and second preachers before the Massachusetts Missionary Society.

Rev. T. Snell, D. D., was chosen Secretary of this Association for the three years ensuing.

Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., Rev. Calvin Hitchcock, D. D., and Rev. James W. Ward, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Pastoral Address for next year.

The Committee on Church Psalmody reported: whereupon, Voted, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report on the subject at the next Association. The following members were appointed on this Committee, viz. Rev. Messrs. Nehemiah Adams, Emerson Davis and J. A. Albro.

The next General Association was appointed to be at Woburn.

Rev. B. B. Edwards was appointed first preacher before the Massachusetts Missionary Society, and Rev. James W. Ward, substitute.

Voted, that five minutes be allowed to each agent who may wish to address the Association in behalf of the benevolent societies which they respectively represent.

The Committee on the subject of Slavery made an extended Report; which was not read, but referred to the next meeting of the Association.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Essex North Association, on the subject of uniting the General Association with the Pastoral Association, made a report, which was adopted; and the following Committee were appointed to consider the subject, to communicate with the several District Associations and report to the next meeting of the Association, viz: Rev. Messrs. J. F. Stearns, N. Munroe, M. A. H. Niles, J. H. Towne, R. A. Miller.

The Pastoral Address was read by Rev. Theodore Packard, Jr.

Voted, That this Address be referred to the Committee of Publication, to be published with such verbal alterations as they deem proper.

The following resolutions on Slavery were presented and adopted:

Resolved, That we remark with pleasure the increased attention among our pastors and churches, and in our country generally, regarding the condition and claims of our enslaved countrymen and their oppressors.

Resolved, That we receive, with gratitude to God, intelligence that millions of slaves in British India have been, peaceably, so uplifted from their deep degradation that they are now practically regarded as men.

Resolved, That we express the ardent desire and hope, that the ministers and churches of Christ everywhere, will put forth every appropriate christian effort to effect the termination of slavery in all lands.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following Preamble and Resolution: Whereas the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, in all its operations, is acting as an *auxiliary* to the pastors and churches in this State, therefore,

Resolved, That they be permitted to be represented in this body by two clerical delegates, like the Massachusetts Missionary Society, whereupon,

Voted, That this subject be referred to the Committee on the communication from Essex North Association.

Rev. Aretas Kent, of Galena, Ill., addressed the Association in behalf of the churches of the West.

The subject of the American Education Society was presented by Rev. Joseph Emerson; the American Tract Society, by Rev. O. Eastman; the American Sunday School Union, by Rev. T. M. Smith; the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, by Rev. A. Bullard; the American Home Missionary Society, by Rev. Henry Little. The cause of promoting the better observance of the Sabbath, by Rev. Justin Edwards, D. D.

The following Resolutions were then adopted, viz:

1. Resolved, That as but six days in a week have been made for secular business, and no more have ever been given to men for that purpose, if they take more, it is without *right*, in opposition to the revealed will of God, and in violation of his law, the penalty of which will show that "the way of transgressors is hard."

2. Resolved, That as the Sabbath was made for man, and the observance of it is essential to the highest social, civil, and religious interests of men, it is not only the duty, but the *right* and the privilege of all men to remember it and keep it holy.

3. Resolved, That the loading and unloading of vessels, the sailing of vessels from the harbor, the running of stage coaches, rail cars, and canal boats, and the travelling in them, the visiting of post offices, reading rooms, and other places for

secular reading, business or amusement, are not only unnecessary, but are violations of the law of God, and ought to be abandoned throughout the community.

4. Resolved, That all pastors of churches be, and they hereby are, respectfully requested fully to instruct their people as to the duty and utility of keeping the Sabbath ; and to be especially careful to add to their instructions the influence of a uniformly consistent example.

5. Resolved, That it be recommended to all families to supply themselves with some good Sabbath manual, that the rising generation may all understand the reason for the universal and perpetual observance of the christian Sabbath ; and the teachers of Sabbath Schools are requested to exhibit this subject with plainness and frequency to their pupils.

6. Resolved, That all persons who are acquainted with *facts* which illustrate the duty and ability of observing the Sabbath, and the evils of violating it, are requested to cause them to be published and circulated as extensively as possible, that the voice of God, in his providence, as well as in his word, with regard to this subject, may be heard by the people.

7. Resolved, That such is the fundamental importance of the christian Sabbath, and such its influence upon all the great interests of men, that its due observance ought to receive the earnest attention, the present prayers, and the hearty, active, and persevering co-operation of all friends of God and man throughout the world.

8. Resolved, That should the friends of the Sabbath, in any place, judge that it will tend to promote the due observance of that day, among themselves, to form a local Sabbath Union ; and should no other form be deemed more suitable for that purpose, it is respectfully suggested to them, to adopt the following, viz :

" As the Sabbath was made for man, and the observance of it is essential to the highest social, civil, and religious interests of men, we hereby agree that we will endeavor, by example and other kind moral influence, to persuade all persons to abstain from worldly business, travelling and amusement, and to attend the public worship of God on that day."

The consequences of forming such associations, composed of all heads of families and such members as are disposed to join them, may be expected to be,—

1. That the Sabbath will be better observed than it was before ;

2. A larger number will attend public worship ;

3. The way will be opened, should families be found who have not heretofore attended public worship, to attempt, by united example and kind moral influence, to induce them to perform that duty, and thus promote their own good, the good of their children, and of the community.

Rev. Dr. Scudder, the missionary to Madras, addressed the Association.

The Auditing Committee reported that they have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the treasury of $26 69. No assessment has been received, either from the Worcester Central or the Suffolk North Associations. The Committee recommended that an assessment of fifty cents be made on each member of the several District Associations, as necessary to meet the annual expenses of this body. This report was adopted.

Rev. Joseph S. Clark and Rev. D. V. McLean had leave of absence.

The Committee on the Narratives of the State of Religion, presented their report, which, being amended, was adopted.

A letter was received from Rev. J. Fisk, delegate to the Constitutional General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, stating that he attended the meeting of that body and was fraternally received.

Voted, That the sincere thanks of this Association be tendered to Rev. Mr. Cary and his beloved flock for their christian hospitality, also to the choir for their acceptable performances, and Mr. Cary be desired to communicate this vote to his people.

Rev. Messrs. Holman, Danforth, Rice, Hunt, Dowse, Trask and Davis, had leave of absence.

The following Committee were appointed to report on the subject of the Papal Church at the next Association, viz. Rev. William Allen, D. D., Rev. George Allen and Rev. B. B. Edwards.

After prayer by the Moderator, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met agreeably to adjournment, and attended to the usual public religious services at the close of the session. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. R. Baker ; Rev. Joseph Bennet preached the Associational Sermon from Gen. xvii. 9 ; Acts iii. 25 ; Gal. iii. 29.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was then administered, the exercises of which were conducted by Rev. S. Nott, Jr., and Rev. J. Edwards, D. D.

Voted, that these be approved as the Minutes of the Association.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Snell, and the doxology was sung.

Voted, that the Association be dissolved.

JOSEPH BENNETT, *Moderator.*

ERASTUS MALTBY, *Scribe.*

EBER CARPENTER, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

It has been said that the best times to live in are the worst to write about. Such has been the period, some of whose features we are now called to describe. The current of the divine blessing has flowed steadily and tranquilly through our churches during the past year, enriching the soil and invigorating the plants; but giving no peculiar signs of its presence, other than the precious fruit it has created.

The narratives from the District Associations exhibit,

1. *The condition of the community which surrounds the church.* The pastors, from their watch-towers, have here marked two features as chiefly deserving their attention—the incursions of error and the triumphs of temperance. Concerning the first of these, while it is painful to reflect what treasures of shame and regret, and gloomy doubt, many are laying up for themselves, by giving heed to seducing spirits, it is, at the same time, cheering to learn that these muddy waves have for the most part dashed harmlessly against the walls of our Zion. There have always been delusions, and some have always been given up to them; perhaps never fewer than at the present period. The progress of the temperance reformation is most cheering. It has now reached the point so long desired, when the guardians of the public welfare, in every county of our State, except one, (which cannot long fail to follow the wise example,) have declared that the good of society does not require the sale of poisonous beverages, and that the murderous traffic must no longer have the solemn sanctions of the law.

2. *The blessings of Divine grace which have crowned the year.* It is always a most delightful task to observe and record the operations of the Holy Spirit. And our meaning in the remark, that the year was distinguished by nothing striking must now be explained and qualified. It has been a memorable year; memorable for the number of souls converted to God; memorable for the purity and power of its revivals; but at the same time, the coming of the Spirit has been so silent and confessedly unobtrusive, so entirely in connection with the labors of pastors and churches, each in its own sphere, so unlike many of the mighty movements of the Providence and Spirit of God, in which he has suffered the stir and strife, and folly of human passions, to mingle with and mar his own blessed work, that he who looks only on the outward appearance would perhaps regard it as a period of little interest. Almost every Association makes mention of the special manifestation of divine grace within its borders. Many record the manner of the Spirit's influence as being like the descent of a dove—so gentle, so quiet; while his baptism was one of power. And among the most interesting facts recorded, are the revivals in our literary institutions. Amherst College has again been blessed; Mount Holyoke Seminary has, during the past as in former years, witnessed the special manifestation of divine favor; out of sixty unconverted pupils only six remaining, to human view, unregenerated. One important point was alluded to; but the very fact that it was alluded to in but one report, shows that there is yet a very defective appreciation of the Abrahamic covenant. One pastor took the pains to collect the statistics of the case; and he states that, among a large number of conversions, three fourths were of persons who had received the seal of the covenant in their infancy. The church must give more heed to this great subject. God is ever faithful to his promise, and he that observes the ways of God shall know of it. Only one pastor has alluded to the conversion of Roman Catholics; but this is a subject in which, as Christians and Americans, we have a very deep interest.

3. *The labors and enterprises of the church.* These may be regarded as having reference to herself or to the world around her. Within her own domestic circle, our church has exhibited an increased and well-directed activity. The preaching of the gospel; the faithful and serious administration of

the ordinances ; the religious instruction of the young in Sabbath school, Bible and Catechetical classes, have been enjoyed like the early and latter rain, like the regular shining of the sun and the moon, like the varying round of the seasons. And it is with pleasure that we have marked the christian union of mothers to secure maternal counsel and prayers in their responsible relations. One report speaks of the increased love of the Bible. This is a sign we desire to see characterizing all our churches. Another speaks of an increased spirit of prayer. This is to us among the most cheering of the glad tidings reported.

The benevolent spirit appears to be advancing steadily, although far too slowly. The various institutions of benevolence are receiving an increased support from our churches. And we trust it will be found that if our Foreign Missionary Society is to be embarrassed, it will not be because Massachusetts has abated her zeal ; although we may regret that her zeal and liberality have not been more abundant. The monthly concert of prayer appears to be attended with a growing interest. The interests of our own unevangelized people are more fully appreciated. The Sabbatical institution is receiving a new degree of attention. The voice of our churches is heard steadily and solemnly pleading with God and man in behalf of Africa's injured sons. The report from our beloved Theological School is the most cheering we have heard for years.

4. *The condition of the churches.* So great is their external prosperity, so manifold the blessing of God upon them, that we cannot fail to make mention of his loving kindness, and admire his power and grace. The tendency to disturb the relations between the pastor and people is rapidly diminishing. Almost every flock has a pastor—the man of its choice. And who can contemplate the relation without gratitude to the Great Head of the church!

In giving a more particular notice, we commence with the Berkshire Association. The condition of this large Association is represented as very favorable—having settled pastors in nearly all of its thirty-one churches. In fifteen of these, revivals of religion, marked with features of uncommon interest, have been enjoyed. The feeble church in South Adams has tripled its numbers during the year.

In Hampshire Association the manifestations of the Spirit's influence have been witnessed to a high degree. In East

Hampton, a part of the very town in which the great revival, in the time of President Edwards, commenced, a precious season of refreshing has been enjoyed. In Middlefield almost all the population, of adult age, have been hopefully converted.

Hampshire East Association speaks of the special triumphs of grace in its churches, and of pulpits replenished by pastors, with only one or two remaining exceptions.

The Hampden Association reports interesting revivals in Ludlow, Chickopee, Cabotville, North Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Monson, Blandford, Fourth Church in Springfield, West Springfield, and Agawam.

Within the limits of the Franklin Association, interesting revivals have been enjoyed in Conway, Sunderland, Ervingsville, Erving, West Hawley and Charlemont. Fifty have united with the church in Conway, a large portion of whom are heads of families.

The Brookfield Association report that the church in New Braintree has been much revived and blessed, as also the church in Oakham. Other churches have enjoyed gentle showers of grace. An aged disciple has left them for his reward and rest—the Rev. D. Tomlinson of Oakham.

In the Harmony Association, a spirit of love prevails. They do not forget the import of the name by which they are called. Many of their churches have been revived and materially enlarged, especially in Grafton, Webster and East Douglas.

The Worcester Central Association has shared in the general blessing; ten of their churches having received an accession of 468 members during the year.

The report of the Worcester North Association has an encouraging tone, speaking of refreshing influences enjoyed, of old walls rebuilt, of error waning, of temperance triumphing, and of the Bible gaining a new and deeper hold on the affections of many. Revivals in Ashburnham, Athol and South Royalston—in the last place 90 conversions.

The churches in Middlesex Union have been greatly blessed during the past year. Stillness has characterized the work of the Spirit. As a result of the revival a year ago, more than 80 have joined the church in Townsend. Upwards of 70 have been added to the church in Acton. In Leominster, 25 hopeful converts are reported; in Ashley, 20; in Dunstable, 20; in Fitchburg, 120.

The Middlesex South Association congratulate themselves on being spared from the blighting effects of the delusions which have troubled many parts of the community. They observe a progress of christian principle in their churches. They lament, however, the want of greater manifestations of divine power to accompany their regularly administered ordinances. Interesting revivals have been enjoyed in several of the churches.

The Woburn Association has been blessed with reviving influences, and reports the condition of its churches as highly encouraging.

The Andover Association reports every church but one in its bounds as supplied with stated preaching. Some powerful revivals have been enjoyed. Those in Lowell, North Chelmsford and West Dracut, have resulted in large accessions to the visible church.

The churches in Essex North Association, after passing through severe trials, in some instances, have in general had rest and a good degree of outward prosperity. A pleasing work of grace is in progress in Linebrook.

Essex South reports that during the past winter, many of the churches have been blessed with a season of religious interest. A larger proportion of the converts are adults and married men. In the church in Wenham the special interest has continued more than a year. And the churches which have not been specially blessed, are in a healthy and vigorous state.

The Suffolk North Association reports no revivals, but a general state of progress and vigorous action in the churches. Death has removed one of the most esteemed brethren in that section of our Zion—the Rev. Daniel Crosby of Charlestown.

Suffolk South reports substantially the same state of things with Suffolk North.

The Norfolk Association speaks of the happy state of religious feeling in the different churches connected with that body. There is a stronger attachment between pastors and people, and increased attendance on the means of grace, together with a strengthened love for the doctrines and order of the churches planted by the Puritans.

The churches connected with the Taunton Association have all been more or less blessed with the effusions of the spirit. Extensive revivals have been enjoyed in Norton, At-

tleborough, 2d parish, Pawtucket, Taunton, Raynham, Berkley and Dighton.

Mendon Association is described as in a flourishing condition, paying increased attention to scriptural instruction, and feeling a new interest in the cause of domestic missions. In Foxboro' there has been a revival and thirty hopeful conversions.

The Old Colony Association states, that the reports from its churches are in general favorable, but remarks a great deficiency in the estimate generally set upon the dedication of the seed of the church to their covenant God.

The Brewster Association expresses much gratitude to God for the signal displays of his grace to their churches; as nearly all of them have been visited with a season of refreshing during the past year. The Rev. Solomon Hardy of Eastham has rested from his labors.

In the Vineyard Sound Association revivals have been enjoyed in Falmouth, North Falmouth, Sandwich and Monument. A large number of the converts are among the most active and influential youth; many of them also are heads of families.

The Pilgrim Association give, in the general, a favorable account of the condition of their churches, and make grateful mention of a peculiar display of divine grace in the parish of Monument in the ancient town of Plymouth.

The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (old school) reported that God had in a very gracious manner visited the churches under its care during the past year. Powerful revivals of religion have been experienced in more than fifty Presbyteries, extending to more than 400 churches. The several Boards of benevolence under the direction of that Assembly are represented as being in a more flourishing condition than at any former period. The cause of foreign missions is taking a stronger hold upon the affections of the people; and the Board is sustaining missions in Texas, among the Indians of this continent, and in Western Africa, India and China. Their Board of Domestic Missions supported the last year, nearly 300 missionaries in 23 States, under whose labors upwards of 4000 souls have been hopefully converted, 50 new congregations organized, and about 70 new churches erected. Their Board of Publication have issued twenty-one volumes of standard works on doctrinal and practical religion. The Union Theological Semi-

nary in Virginia, the Western Theological Seminary of Alleghany, and the Princeton Seminary, are reported as being in an uncommonly prosperous condition, containing together about 165 candidates for the sacred ministry.

The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (new school) gave cheering accounts of numerous and powerful revivals in all the Presbyteries during the past three years, and of a great increase in their numbers, unity and strength ; also of increased attention to the great benevolent enterprises of the age. Facts were also detailed, showing clearly the importance of extending more abundant aid to the feeble churches of the West, in their conflicts with the gigantic forms of error by which they are surrounded. There is demanded, not only an increased supply of ministers from the East, but the more firm establishment of literary and theological institutions for the education of a permanent ministry on their own soil.

From the General Association of Connecticut we have received intelligence both interesting and cheering. Their churches, embracing one eighth of the entire population of the State, are enjoying harmony and prosperity. Their interest in behalf of the great benevolent enterprises of the day, and especially in behalf of the enslaved, is increasing. During the year, God has shed down his Spirit in a signal manner upon many of their churches, and brought multitudes into his kingdom.

The General Convention of Vermont, report 204 churches, 93 settled pastors, 56 stated supplies, 44 destitute churches, and 24,445 church members. Of these, 1,680 have been received the past year—the fruits of the precious revivals with which God has blessed many of their churches.

From the General Association of New Hampshire, we have received report, that though there have been on the whole but little special interest, revivals have occurred in more than 20 towns, characterized apparently by great purity, and that about 1,000 souls have been added by profession to the churches, and 500 by letter the past year. The cause of benevolence in its various forms—Sabbath schools, temperance, and the claims of the slave—have received increasing attention.

The Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island report 17 churches and 8 pastors, as comprised within their limits. General harmony is now restored to the churches which were disturbed by the recent political troubles of their State.

There is manifestly an increased interest in favor of the principles of pure Congregationalism.

A favorable report of the state of the churches in Michigan was also presented to the Association ; reiterating at the same time the appeal for aid in strengthening the churches yet in their infancy.

We deem it worthy of special notice, in this narrative, that in nearly all of the reports from the District Associations, it has been mentioned that the chief instrumentality which has been employed in the precious revivals that have been enjoyed, was the regular preaching of pastors, and other ordinary means of grace.

This brief survey of the fields under the cultivation of the General Association of Massachusetts and of those under the care of affiliated bodies, may surely excite fervent gratitude to the Great Head of the church, and a quickened sense of her responsibility, in a world where so much is yet to be done, and where, in humble reliance on abounding grace, so much may be speedily accomplished.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren:

Our sacred office requires us to address you weekly in our individual pastoral capacity. Our hearts incline us to address you annually in our capacity as an associated body of gospel ministers. Each Sabbath we individually ask your devout attention to the messages we bring you from God. Each year we unitedly offer you our sympathies, our counsels, and our instructions. Our four hundred voices we would now unite in one, and send our christian salutation to the sixty or seventy thousand disciples of our Divine Master, over whom we are placed as pastors and teachers. Never will any of our number have the privilege of meeting you all in temples here below; and never will any of your number see and hear us all, while we sojourn upon earth. In the joyful anticipation of uniting with you in the church triumphant in heaven, we would embrace the present occasion to aid and encourage you to press on toward the crown of life. To several distinct yet harmonious points, that bear upon the future prosperity of our beloved Zion, we would now invite your attention.

1. *Faithfully sustain the cause of christian benevolence.* The principle and spirit and practice of doing good to all men as we have opportunity, are essential to constitute a consistent christian character, to secure the highest degree of spirituality to the church and to evangelize the world. Then adopt and cherish the *principles* of gospel benevolence. You are stewards under the Divine proprietor. All the substance

entrusted to your care belongs to him. In the disposal of it, compliance with his directions is the only lawful rule. As we would that others should do to us, even so ought we to do to them. Cultivate the *spirit* of benevolence. Contemplate the guilt and wretchedness and exposure to eternal ruin, of the vast multitudes shrouded in moral darkness. Let your *works* testify to the correctness and efficiency of your principles of benevolence, and also to the strength and increase of your benevolent emotions. Wait not to be urged to the privilege of being honest to your Master, and of sharing in the superior blessedness of being benefactors to a world perishing in wickedness. Let the favorable prospects for taking possession of the earth in the name of Zion's King, be interpreted as Heaven's voice to us, "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe." Do any say, they are unable to reach the harvest-field, or to use the sickle if they were there? Then let them furnish bread and water to the reapers. Such abundant light has been shed upon the church concerning her duty to the heathen world, that we never expect to see her advance far in holiness, without a corresponding advancement in her prayers and efforts to reclaim the benighted myriads of our race to Christ. From regard then to the authority of your Divine Master; from regard to the eternal salvation of perishing multitudes, and from regard to your own spiritual prosperity, engage heartily and efficiently in the glorious enterprise of furnishing the gospel to every creature.

2. *Sacredly observe and endeavor to protect the christian Sabbath.* We have beheld with deep sorrow and alarm, the increasing desecration of this holy day. It was once hallowed throughout our borders, by the people and by the government, by the pious and by the worldly. But the love of gain and worldly pleasure, have requited God for giving us six days for labor and business, by taking the last remaining day, which he had reserved for the special worship of himself, and appropriating it to secular and selfish purposes. To a lamentable degree does this practice, so dishonest and ungrateful towards God, prevail in our nation, and even in our Commonwealth. So intimately connected is the due observance of this day with the highest temporal welfare of the whole community, and with the greatest spiritual prosperity of the church, that we feel impelled, as patriots and as Christians, to summon you to embark with us, in rescuing from profanation the holy day of our Master's resurrection, and in restoring to the Almighty

that which so many have sacrilegiously taken from him. To accomplish this object, let the example of the church and of the ministry be pure. Let us carefully and conscientiously hallow all the hours of the Sabbath. Allow neither business, nor visiting, nor travelling, nor worldly conversation, to rob God of any portion of holy time. Never permit the *property* he has committed to you, to be employed in any way whereby it shall come in conflict with this sacred institution of his appointment. Thus doing, you would be guilty of putting one of Jehovah's blessings in battle array against another—of sending property into the field to war against the Sabbath. Not only scrupulously guard your families against the positive violation of this day, but faithfully enjoin upon them its religious observance. With an earnestness corresponding to the vast interests involved in the preservation of the christian Sabbath, let your example, your influence, and your prayers, be directed to the noble object of promoting its sanctification. The recent indications of an increased interest, and the present special efforts of a distinguished and able member of our own body, in behalf of this object, encourage our hope, that Jehovah is about to turn the hearts of the American community to the more faithful observance of this Divine institution.

3. *Highly value and earnestly maintain the system of Congregationalism.* Proselytism we neither recommend nor approve. Let us carefully guard against all intrusion upon our christian brethren of other evangelical denominations. Resist the temptation to follow any unworthy example, of demolishing one portion of the spiritual temple to obtain stones to build up another portion of the same edifice. If the servants of our common Master will but scale the wall and work, never pull them down, unless they ask your hand to help them to descend and occupy another portion of the rising walls. But we may lawfully defend our own system of ecclesiastical polity. We claim only the right common to all christian sects, of maintaining that our church organization is in accordance with scriptural instructions and examples. The simplicity and republican character that distinguish it; its peculiar adaptedness to all the various conditions of mankind, and the signal success with which God has been pleased to favor it, may justly attach you to the Congregational order. In cultivating and strengthening this attachment on the ground of these considerations, we apprehend you need feel no danger. For the firm and permanent maintenance of the Con-

gregational system, depend not upon any exclusive or superior mode of observing outward religious rites, nor upon the influence of hierarchy, nor upon denominational prejudice, nor upon worldly policy, nor upon any external artificial support. Let your dependence be upon the enlightened, genuine, deep piety of Christians, and the consecrated talents and faithful labors of ministers as the instrumental agency, and upon the Holy Spirit, as the efficient and almighty agent. Let a spirit of brotherly love bind you to each other, and prevent the need of all artificial bonds of union. Let a tender concern for the honor of Christ and the prosperity of his cause, be the noble safeguard against all ecclesiastical disorder, disunion and defection, and against all obliquity of christian character.

For *whatever reason* God has been pleased to preserve our order hitherto, to such a degree, from the present popular delusion, respecting the speedy, personal advent of Christ upon earth, we are justly summoned to return our humble and hearty thanks to Divine Providence, for such a gracious interposition. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake." Beloved brethren, ponder and observe the appropriate instruction of God's word, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Never patronise error because it is intermingled with great and glorious truths. Let your time and talents be employed in faithful, scriptural efforts to *prepare the way* for the universal reign of Christ upon earth.

4. *Support wholesome christian discipline in the church.* The imperfect sanctification of Christians in the present life, leaves them liable to such degrees of defection from duty, that the Divine Head of the church has enacted laws for the treatment of the offending members of his visible kingdom. The low degree of piety, that too often prevails, prepares the way for some of Christ's real disciples to fall into grievous offences and dangerous heresy, and also operates to expose occasionally the true character of hypocrites. Towards both classes of offenders, it becomes the solemn duty of the church to exercise the discipline prescribed in the gospel. On this subject, it is your first and constant duty to endeavor to *prevent all occasion* for such discipline. In this connection, two considerations deserve special notice: *first*, the church ought to

cherish such a spirit of holy consecration to God, and practice such a measure of christian self-denial in his service, that there will be little danger of any application from the unregenerate for admission to her communion, and that her true and sanctified members may be far removed from all disposition even to parley with temptation; and, *secondly*, all the professed disciples of our Lord should vigilantly watch over each other, and reprove, rebuke, and exhort, in the earliest stages of religious declension. It is not common, for the consistent, devoted Christian *suddenly* to fall into gross offences. He usually *backslides* till he gets far down the mount and *then falls*. Be it your wise precaution, to endeavor to save your brethren before they fall. Seasonable, faithful, and kind admonition might prevent much dishonor to religion, and save the church no small amount of painful duty. In the performance of this duty we are constrained to believe, that most Christians are exceedingly deficient. When church discipline *is demanded*, suffer not party spirit, nor the influence of friendship and wealth and station, to prevent your mild and firm administration of it in all cases, according to the rules of the gospel. Gross impiety in the church will operate to grieve away the Holy Spirit. Keep pure the temple of the Lord, whose temple ye are, that the Holy One may dwell in you, and comfort, and strengthen, and enlarge you.

5. *Let the religious and doctrinal instruction of your families hold a high place in the rank of christian duties.* Occasionally have our annual addresses alluded to this particular branch of duty. But we think it scarcely possible to estimate it too highly, or to commend it too frequently or too earnestly to your practical regard. God has strictly enjoined this duty. "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Christian parents, be persuaded thoroughly to indoctrinate your families into the fundamental truths of the gospel. Of great value to the successful prosecution of this object, will you find a regular, systematic *plan* of imparting instruction, and also some plain, able, and faithful *compend* of the doctrines of the Bible. Some portion of the Sabbath is a most appropriate season for such an exercise. In connection with your daily domestic devotions, it might justly claim a share of your time and attention. Probably no better com-

pend for this purpose can be found than the Shorter Catechism, prepared by that distinguished body of one hundred and twenty divines, who assembled in Westminster Abbey by order of the English Parliament, to effect a reform in the English church. Two hundred years ago the present week, that learned and pious assembly entered upon the important work assigned them. Among the valuable services, which they rendered to the cause of truth and piety, during the five years and a half, in which they held their eleven hundred and sixty-three sessions, was the preparation of this Catechism for the instruction of children and families in the doctrines of the christian religion. The following extract from an able and interesting history of this assembly of divines, we commend to your serious and careful consideration: "It has often been said by judicious men, that a better summary of the orthodox faith could not be penned, than the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Assembly of divines. It has been the vehicle of conveying to the minds of millions, for two hundred years nearly, a concise but comprehensive view of the doctrines of the Reformation. Though often committed and repeated by many, who never seriously consider the truths which it contains, yet it is exceedingly important to have such a form of sound words lodged in the memory; especially if committed, as it should be, in connection with some of the clearest and strongest proof-texts, on which the doctrine of each answer is founded, that all may understand, that their faith should rest on the word of God and not on the authority of men. But where this catechism is judiciously used by parents and pastors, the truths contained in it will be doctrinally understood; and even if the catechumen should lead a life, not conformable to the precepts here inculcated, yet at a future day these neglected and resisted truths may be the means of the sinner's conviction, and a most important light to guide him to salvation, under the influence of the Holy Spirit."

Before we close, we would record a few brief items of statistical information in relation to the ministry and the church. Nineteen years ago, the present month, the General Association met within the limits of this District Association, where we are now convened. Of all the present pastors of our four hundred churches, only about *forty* are *now* pastors of the *same* churches in which they then officiated in this capacity. Great the change! In the year 1841, two hundred and eighty of the churches admitted to their communion

about twenty-four hundred members—more than seventeen hundred of whom, or nearly three fourths, were baptised in infancy. Abundant encouragement to observe the covenant of Jehovah! In the same year, in the same number of churches, about sixteen hundred were baptized in infancy. In the same year, there were about seventy thousand members of Sabbath schools and Bible classes in our congregations. And in the same year, christian friends, about *one thousand* of your number entered eternity. Verily their death should enforce upon our hearts the solemn admonition of the Bible: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest."

In conclusion, we would mingle our joyful and devout thanksgivings with yours, that the promise of the Divine Redeemer has been so gloriously fulfilled the year past, in sending the Comforter to convince so many of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Ye who have been thus highly favored, grieve not the Holy Spirit to depart from you. And let all our christian brethren, so sincerely and importunately and faithfully invite the Divine Sanctifier into their families and neighborhoods, and religious assemblies, that on our next annual meeting, we and you may have occasion to renew, and increase, and prolong our hallelujahs to Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the return of Pentecostal times.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 30, 1842.	To balance in the Treasury,		$17 84	
June 28, 1843.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows:			
	Berkshire Association,		10 00	
	Hampshire,		6 50	
	Hampshire East,		6 00	
	Hampden,		8 50	
	Franklin,		8 50	
	Brookfield,		8 50	
	Harmony,		8 25	
	Worcester Central,			
	Worcester North,		4 50	
	Middlesex Union,		9 00	
	Middlesex South,		7 50	
	Mendon,		5 50	
	Woburn,		3 00	
	Andover,		5 00	
	Essex North,		11 00	
	Essex South,		11 00	
	Suffolk North,			
	Suffolk South,		7 50	
	Norfolk,		13 00	
	Taunton,		7 00	
	Old Colony,		6 00	
	Pilgrim,		2 50	
	Brewster,		3 00	
	Vineyard Sound,		5 50	175 09

Contra, Dr

May 30, 1843.	To postage on Letter and Minutes transmitted to the Congregational Union of England and Wales,		35	
June 5, "	To postage on letters,		20	
June 29, "	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for General Association, for publishing and distributing 1,000 copies of Minutes for 1842,		142 85	
	To travelling expenses of Secretary,		5 00	148 40
	Balance in the Treasury,			26 69

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. B. BOND, *Auditor.*

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1843.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	32	77	109	7	9	16	1	5	3	9	2	8	154
" South,	Stillman Pratt,	Stated supply.	5	16	21	12	1	13					5	10	75
Becket,	Lavius Hyde.	Oct. 20, 1841	47	110	157	22	14	36					4	7	196
Dalton,	Thomas A Hall,	June 16, 1	50	78	128	7	3	10	2	9		11	3	9	75
Egremont,	John G. Hall,	Oct 19, 1842	16	36	52	3		3	1	2		3	1	1	50
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	49	128	177	15	3	18	8	14		22	7	5	250
Hinsdale,	S. W. Banister,	June 2, 1841	42	78	120	4	4	8	5	3		8		6	175
Lanesboro',	Vacant,		18	62	80										
Lee,	Wm. B. Bond,	March 18, 1840	153	244	397	4	9	13	4	14		18	1	7	300
Lenox,	S. Shepard, D. D.	April 30, 1795	105	169	274	4	1	5	11	10		21		4	217
New Marlboro', North,	Chester Finch,	Jan. 26, 1841	48	108	156										189
" South,	Samuel Utley,	March 14, 1838	26	51	77		2	2	3	2		5			75
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840													
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	73	105	178		2	2	6	7	1	14		2	150
Pittsfield,	John Todd,														
Richmond,	E. L. Clark,	June 20, 1838	31	63	94		2	2	8	3		11		2	90
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	61	142	203				2	9		11		4	180
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct 13, 1813	59	182	241	2	2	4	2	3		5	2	9	390
Stockbridge,	T. S Clarke,	June 15, 1837	62	182	244	2	2	4	1	5		6		11	227
" Curtisville,	Vacant,														
Tyringham,	A. C. Page,	April 26, 1837	51	78	129										150
Washington,	Vacant,		14	30	44										
West Stockbridge,	Sidney Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	29	52	81	1	3	4	3	1		4	1	1	94
" Village,	John Whiton,	Stated supply.													
Williamstown,	Amos Savage,	Feb 1840	95	198	293	59	5	64	8	2	2	12	18	18	250
" South,	I Tatlock.	Stated supply.	20	41	61										
" College,	Joseph Alden, D. D.														
Windsor,	P. Clarke,	Sept. 30, 1835	16	47	63										
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.	J. J. Dana,	April 26, 1810	36	64	100	2		2	3	4		7	1	1	160
New Lebanon, N. Y.	Vacant,		28	55	83										
New Concord, N. Y	A. L. Crandall,		27	53	80	2		2							
Total, 31	27		1293	2449	3742	146	62	208	58	93	6	167	45	105	3447

Without Pastoral Charge.—W. H. Tyler and Nash, Pittsfield; N. Sheldon, Stockbridge; R. Pomeroy, Otis.

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chesterfield,	Vacant,														
Cummington, 1st,	Samuel D. Darling,	Feb. 17, 1840	27	71	98	1	1	2	1			1		4	110
" Village.	Theodore J Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	22	47	69	1	3	4	4			4			150
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept 1, 1841	26	37	63	25		25					9	2	
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug 13, 1789													
	Wm Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	93	155	248	27	6	33	6	3		9	7	14	
Goshen,	Royal Reed,	Oct. 19, 1842	24	61	85				7	2		9		3	200
Hatfield,	Henry Neal,					12	1	13	1	6	2	9		14	
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	44	63	107	26		26		4		4	10	1	80
North Hampton, 1st,	Charles Wiley,	Nov. 7 1837	150	365	515	38	6	44		6					
" Edwards chh	E. P. Rogers,	May 17, 1843			267			32				2			125
Norwich,	Ebenezer B Wright,	Feb. 23, 1842	42	79	121	5	6	11	2	5		7	3	7	100
Plainfield,	Wm. A Hawley,	July 21 1843	66	129	195	3	4	7	8	2		10		14	200
South Hampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832													
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	51	87	138	3	1	4	4	1		5	1	3	
Whately,															
Williamsburgh,	M. G. Wheeler,	Oct. 18, 1842	99	184	283	4	3	7	6	1		7	1	8	325
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec 19, 1838	69	104	173	1	4	5	8	1		9		15	300
Total, 17	16		713	1382	2095	116	35	213	47	31	2	76	31	85	1590

HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Enfield,	Robert McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	75	150	225	6	2	8	2	6	4	12	3	9	320
Amherst, North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	56	91	147	24	3	27	2	12		14	8	8	225
Hadley, 2d par.	W. H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	31	54	85	1	9	10	1	2		3	1	3	120
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	97	212	309	16	8	24	11	8	1	20	9	14	280
Leveret,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	39	58	97				1					4	135
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	35	70	105	3	5	8	5	1		6	1	4	110
Amherst, 1st par.	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	92	185	277	15	12	27	9	9	1	19		9	250
Hadley, 1st par.	Joseph D. Condit,	July 8, 1835			259	25	1	26	9	14	1	22	9	20	250
Amherst, South par.	Dana Goodsell,	April 21, 1841	37	78	115	2	13	15	1	3		4	1	6	115
" 2d par.	Pomeroy Belding,	Sept. 14, 1843	68	123	191	22	6	28	1	10		11	3	7	125
Belchertown,	George A. Oviat,	Aug. 29, 1838	192	266	458	12	13	25	10	11	6	27	6	6	460
Prescot,	Francis Wood,	Oct. 2, 1839	14	40	54				2	3		5		1	80
Total, 12	12		640	1327	2322	136	72	198	54	79	13	143	42	94	2470

Without Pastoral Charge.—Gordan Dorance, Eli Moody, William Tyler, Joseph W. Curtis, John Sanford, Roswell Hawkes, Francis Danforth, Joseph H. Patrick, Henry Smith, and Calvin White.

HAMPDEN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blanford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	42	99	141	1	6	7	5	8		8		2	140
Chester,	F. F. Warriner,	1841	60	101	161										100
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	39	93	132	1	4	5	6			6	1		130
" West,	Calvin Foot,	Sept. 1, 1841	38	61	99	11	4	15	2	1		3			108
Longmeadow,	H. Bebee,	Oct. 18, 1837	75	123	198										155
" East,	M. Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	45	87	132	25	7	32	2	4		6	10	5	100
Ludlow,	A Sanderson,	Jan. 2, 1839													
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	164	257	421	31	8	39	5	6		11	19	6	350
Montgomery,	Vacant,														
Russell,	Vacant,														
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838													
Springfield,	Samuel Osgood,	Jan. 25, 1809	103	319	422			17	2	3		5		9	300
" Chickopee,	Eli B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	29	55	84	1	5	6	5	5		10	1	3	125
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	52	109	161	7	15	22	2	9	1	12	1	4	225
" Chickopee Falls,	E. P. Rogers,	Nov. 4, 1840	28	89	117										200
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	54	146	200	5	16	21	1	7	1	9	4	9	250
" South chh.	Noah Porter, Jr.	Jan. 15, 1843			60										
Tolland,	Vacant,		15	23	38										
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	E. Davis,	June 1, 1836	126	309	435	71	16	87	8	20		28	22	17	400
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	97	201	298	6	14	20	5	5		10	1	7	300
" Ireland,	Gideon Dana,	Feb. 24, 1841	28	65	93	1		1	4	4		8	1	2	120
" Agawam,	R. A. Hazen,	Oct. 17, 1821	65	95	160										60
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,		29	64	93	19	1	20	1	8	2	11	5	1	60
Wilbraham,	John Bowers,	Dec 13, 1837	78	121	199	16	4	20	4	9	1	14	5	4	175
" South,	James A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	27	63	90	4	4	8					1	6	100
Total, 27	20														

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840	87	152	239	5	4	9	6	3		9	2	7	125
Bernardston,	Frederic Janes,	Nov. 4, 1840	44	78	122	3	5	8	2	3	1	6	1	5	125
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	74	125	199	44	3	47	4	3		7	14	19	245
Charlemont,	John D. Smith,	Nov. 20, 1839	51	95	146	14	4	18	3	6		9	6	7	200
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	16	50	66	2		2	2	4		6	1		85
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	84	173	257	18	7	25	4	6		10	7	8	240
Deerfield, North,	Henry Seymour,	March 1, 1843	20	46	66	6	1	7	3	5		8	3	2	85
" South,	William M. Richards,	Nov. 25, 1835	53	96	149		6	6	3	4		7		6	180
Erving,	*Josiah Tucker,	Nov. 16, 1842	4	10	14		3	3							40
Ervingsville,	*Josiah Tucker,	Nov. 16, 1842	11	19	30		2	2						1	50
Gill,	*Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	5	35	40		3	3	2	3		5		1	75
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	11	43	54	1	1	2	3			3			68
" 2d,	L L. Langstroth,	Stated supply	37	92	129	2	18	20	1	7		8		9	130
Hawley, East,	Vacant,		49	81	130		2	2	3	2	2	7		12	100
" West,	Moses Miller,	May 20, 1840	20	34	54		1	1		4		4		4	70
Heath,	Josiah Fisher,	Sept. 7, 1842	54	112	166	5	5	10	1	5		6	2	3	230
New Salem,	Vacant,		15	32	47				1			1			40
Northfield,	*John Tate,	Stated supply.	22	63	85					3		3			100
Rowe,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Stated supply.	12	27	39					2		2			40
Shelburne,	T. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	59	105	164	6		6	9	5		14	3	3	300
Sunderland,	Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	68	108	176	6	3	9	3	7		10	4	4	200
Shutesbury,	*Lot B. Sullivan,	Stated supply.	20	40	60	5	3	8					3	3	42
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	15	35	40	2	1	3	1	3		4		1	122
Wendell,	Salmon Bennett,	May 2, 1838	20	61	81		3	3		2	4	6		3	156
Total, 24	23		851	1712	2553	119	75	194	51	77	7	135	46	97	3048

*Not members of the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Riddle, Samuel Ware, Martyn Cushman, and Erastus Curtis.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Brimfield,	G. C. Partridge,	Feb. 9, 1842	79	168	247	14	6	20	5	18		23	8	1	
Brookfield, South,	M. Stone,	March 11, 1801													
" West,	S. Whiting,	Jan. 11, 1843	27	73	100	13	5	18		1		1	7	3	100
Dudley,	M. Chase,	Jan. 12, 1842	65	181	246	10		10							200
Holland,	J. Bates,	March 22, 1843	49	100	149				3			3			
Hardwick,	J. Sanford,	Stated supply.	24	45	69	12	3	15	3			3	8	3	60
New Braintree,	B. M. Fay,	Oct. 26, 1840	46	85	131	3	8	11	4	16		20	2	4	225
North Brookfield,	J. Fiske,	Oct. 26, 1796	47	120	167	33	5	38	1	5		6	13	16	
Oakham,	T. Snell,	June 27, 1798	79	153	232	5	3	8	2	5		7	3	11	300
Palmer,	J. Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	72	160	232	77	4	81	3	6		9	47	9	300
Southbridge,	M. K. Cross,	Feb. 2, 1842	59	118	177	5	20	25	5	13	2	20			150
Sturbridge,	E. Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	60	117	177	21	20	41	6	10		16	9	8	200
Spencer,	D. R. Austin,	May 1, 1839	110	240	350	42	6	48	10	11		21	24	5	325
Ware, Village,	L. Packard,	June 14, 1826	27	98	125	7	4	11	5	4	1	10	5	3	200
" West,	N. Gale,	June 22, 1842	58	138	196				2	33	2	37		7	200
Warren,	D. N. Coburn,	Sept 21, 1842	49	86	135	13	10	23	2	5		7	7	6	150
	G. Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836	57	105	162	8		8	4	3	1	8	4	8	270
Total, 16	17		908	1987	2895	263	94	357	55	130	6	191	137	84	2680

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Vail, H. B. Holmes, and R. G. Dennis.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1. 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Douglas, 1st chh.	John W. Salter,	June 7, 1843			96				2	11					125
" East, 2d chh.	Chauncey D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	51	104	155	75	11	86		3		3	48	10	260
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	101	187	288	51	10	61	2	11		13	29	4	400
Hopkinton,	John C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	63	137	200	67	3	70	3	1		4	35	44	240
Millbury, 1st chh.	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	49	118	167	5	4	9	1	7	1	9	3	3	160
" Grass Hill,	Sidney Holman,	July 1, 1840	30	56	86	2	4	6	1		1	2	2	21	80
*Mendon, North,	Andrew H. Reed,	Stated supply.	8	32	40										74
" Blackstone,	Michael Burdett,	May 1841													
" Millville,	Willard Holbrook,	Aug. 1841	8	25	33	1	3	4		4		4		2	85
Northbridge,	Lyman Dickinson,	Stated supply.	31	59	90		1	1		4	1	5		3	130
" Whitinsville,	Lewis F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	29	62	91	10	3	13		10		10	8	5	160
Slatersville, R. I.	Timothy A Taylor,	1839	15	65	80	20	3	23		6		6	18	6	250
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	81	167	248	1	1	2	3	4		7		3	200
Upton,	Benj. Wood,	June 1, 1796	78	207	285		5	5	3	2	1	6	5	5	370
Uxbridge,	John Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	53	156	209	20	2	22	4	14		18	10	3	291
Webster,	Herbert A. Read,	May 6, 1841	40	63	103	1	7	8		4			1	6	100
*Westborough,	Charles B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	106	230	336										290
Total, 17	17		863	1628	2546	253	57	310	19	81	4	85	159	75	3215

*Last year's report.

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Holman, Lewis Pennell, and Caleb B. Elliot.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Tota'.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	61	125	186		4	4	2	5		7		14	120
*Berlin,	Vacant.		36	63	99										155
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	55	105	160		2	2	3	4		7		5	150*
*Holden,	Wm P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833			430										300
Hubbardston,	Oliver B. Bidwell,	Dec. 1, 1841	58	133	191	25	6	31	3	9		12	7	13	200
Leicester,	John Nelson,	March 4, 1812	80	138	218	11	6	17	5	18		23	7	9	209
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	61	99	160	8	6	14	2	13		15	3	8	200
*Northboro',	—— Houghton,	Soon to be ord	ained.		77										
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	96	203	299	8	2	10	5	10	1	16	6	8	300
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps, Jr.	Nov. 11, 1840	45	93	138	10	6	16	3	6		9	5	15	185
Princeton,	Willard M. Harding,	May 20, 1840			245	9	6	15	3	14		17	5	7	300
Rutland,	Josiah Clarke,	June 2, 1818	99	170	269	30	3	33	6	5		11	7	13	240
*Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841			239										300
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	67	185	252	26	4	30	4	7		11	13	5	350
Worcester, 1st par.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			361	66	5	71	5	9		14	9	7	320
" Calvinistic,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	100	210	310	45	20	65	6	17		23	30	4	300
" Union,	E. Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	150	229	379	104	56	160	3	10		13	62	7	467
Total, 17	16				4013	342	126	468	50	127	1	178	154	115	4096

*Last year's report.

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, Chaplain of the Hospital in Worcester; Elijah Demond, and Jonathan Longley.

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	53	109	162	18	1	19	2	3		5		10	330
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	64	154	218	42		42	9	5		14			
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	43	72	115	4	5	9		6		6		4	130
South Royalston,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Dec. 13, 1838	18	37	55	2	1	3	1	1		2	2	2	175
Athol,	Richard M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	76	135	211	3	4	7	1	2	1	4	3	5	200
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	27	55	82	4	1	5	4	4	2	10			181
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	116	229	345	10	5	15	5	7		12	6	7	250
Gardner,	William B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	58	107	165	18	7	25	5	6		11	13	4	200
Ashburnham,	Edwin Jennison,	May 12, 1842	89	162	251	14	3	17	2	17		19	15	5	
*Winchendon,	Vacant,		72	160	232										130
†Fitchburg, Trin. chh.	‡George Clark,	Stated supply.													
Total, 11	10		616	1220	1836	115	27	142	29	51	3	83	39	37	1596

*Last year's report. †This church was organized since Jan. 1, 1843, and contains 44 members. ‡Not connected with the Association.

MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Foxborough,	Daniel Poor,	March 1, 1840	27	75	102	1	5	6	1	1		2	1	5	193
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839			174	16	1	17	4	1		5	6	12	
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	21	54	75	1		1	1	1		2	1	6	115
Medfield,	Thomas T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	22	62	84		2	2	1	4		5		1	75
Medway, 2d chh.	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 1, 1814	48	128	176	19	5	24	4	3		7	7	6	175
" Village chh.	David Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	38	103	141	27	5	32	1			1	15	9	200
Milford,	David Long,	May 10, 1801	19	65	84	1		1	2	2		4		5	200
Wrentham,	Elisha Fisk,	June 12, 1799	60	177	237	8	14	22	6	6	1	13	5	2	425
Total, 8	8		235	664	1073	73	32	105	20	18	1	39	35	46	1383

Without Pastoral Charge.—Calvin Park, D. D., and Charles Simmons. Moses Grovesnor, removed from the bounds of the Association.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Ma'es.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	111	164	275	72	12	84	1	1		2	42	12	200
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	54	120	174	13	2	15	3	1	1	5	3	4	200
Bolton,	Henry Adams,	Feb. 10, 1842	17	44	61	3	3	6		3		3		1	101
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	21	32	53		4	4	1	1		2		1	50
Carlisle,	P. Smith,	Aug. 31, 1836	8	32	40	5		5		1		1			75
Dunstable,	L. Brigham,	March 15, 1837	37	79	116	11		11	3	1		4	7	4	150
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	94	227	321	15	5	20	8	6	1	15	8	4	460
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836			242										250
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	51	117	168	4	1	5	1	2		3	1	6	150
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	22	50	72	5	6	11		2		2	2	3	117
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	53	106	159		7	7		5	1	6		7	200
Littleton,	J. C Bryant,	Oct. 28, 1840	20	25	45	2	3	5	1	2		3	2	2	70
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	23	63	86	4	1	5						3	150
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	157	259	416	44	1	45	2	8	1	11	15	12	350
Stow,	E. P. Dyer,	Sept. 25, 1839	18	46	64	12	1	13	1	4		5	9	7	80
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	June 22, 1830	18	55	73	5		5	1			1	1	2	125
Townsend,	D. Stowell,	June 28, 1837	124	239	363			81	3	4		7	39	6	328
Westford,	L. Luce,	April 8, 1829	62	124	186	6		6	4	4	2	10	5	8	200

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Concord,	James Means,	Jan. 8, 1840	19	91	110	20	3	23	2	7	1	10	8	8	112
Framingham, Hollis evan. chh.	*David Kellogg, D. D.	Jan. 10, 1781													
	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1836	63	156	219	6	7	13	7	7		14	5	8	300
Dover,	A Greenwood,	Stated supply.	10	24	34	1		1							35
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	1843	40	101	141	1	3	4	6	6		12	13	12	
Marlboro',	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	40	108	148	8	4	12	5	6		11	2	6	272
Lincoln,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	29	76	105	19	6	25	1	10		11	2		130
Medway, 1st,	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	58	134	192	14	2	16	1			1	7	16	180
Needham, West,	Hervy Newcomb,	Oct. 6, 1842	42	89	131	25	2	27	3	6		9	12	6	
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	52	118	170	3	5	8	1	6		7			250
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	12	30	42		1	1		2		2		1	100
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	64	106	170	38	2	40	4	2	2	8	12	12	160
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841			180	2	1	3	6	1		7		8	121
Unionville,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	28	56	84	20		20		4		4	7	4	164
Wayland,	J. W. Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841	17	68	85	3	9	12	2	8		10		5	90
Southboro',	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.	60	90	150	45		45	2	2		4	19	9	270
Total, 15	16		534	1247	1961	205	45	250	40	37	3	110	87	95	2184

*Not connected with the Association. *Without Pastoral Charge.*—Rev. Jacob Cummings, Rev. John Storrs. *Licentiate.*—William B. Tappan.

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	S. H. Emery,	June 30, 1841	61	137	198	30	6	36	4	7	1	12	13	10	202
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	17	36	53	3	2	5					2		50
Burlington,	Vacant,		29	49	78				3	3		6			
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 1832	90	163	253	11	2	13	2	2		4	1	8	220
* " South,	Reuben Emerson,														
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1841	30	85	115	9	4	13			2	2	2	4	210
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 1806	70	130	200	42		42					17	3	200
† Wilmington,	Vacant,		29	86	115										
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822	166	299	465	21	12	33	7	18	1	26	10	19	340
" South,	G. P. Smith,	June 17, 1841	61	90	158	42	8	50	2	5		7	15	12	268
Total, 10	8		553	1075	1635	158	34	192	18	35	4	57	60	56	1940

*Not reported. †Last year's report.

ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1. 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	167	352	519	5	4	9	8	12		20	2	14	400
" West,	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	71	143	214	2	2	4	2	8		10	1	9	300
" North,	Jesse Page,	Sept. 9, 1835			88	4	2	6							
" Chapel chh.	R. Emerson, D. D.				100										
Lowell, 1st chh.	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829			715	70	30	100							
" Appleton-st.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837			564										
" John-st.	Stedman W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	125	483	608	120	76	196	9	18		27	50	16	800
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	58	134	192	12	3	15	4	5	2	11	10	2	300
North Chelmsford,	Benjamin F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	33	47	80	23	4	27		4		4	12	2	85
Dracut, West,	Joseph Merrill,	April 20, 1842	38	56	94	19	5	24	6	3		9	14	8	150
" Evan chh.	Vacant,				143										
North Reading,	Vacant,				79										
Total, 12	10		492	1315	1807	255	132	481	29	50	2	81	89	51	2035

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	Henry B. Smith,	Dec. 29, 1842			167				2	4	1	7		2	
" Mills,	—— Merrill,				167										
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837			96										
Bradford, West,	Nathaniel Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836			182										
" East,	Gardner B. Perry,	Sept 28, 1814	81	120	201		2	2	1			1		5	218
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833			145										
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797													
	Enoch Pond, Jr.	Dec. 1842													
Haverhill,	E. A. Lawrence,	May 8, 1839	67	134	201	6	17	23	1	8		9	4	6	200
" North,	David Oliphant,	Stated supply.	21	47	68				2	1	1	4		5	80
" East,	J. R. Cushing,	June 10, 1835													
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831													
Ipswich, 1st par.	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	49	128	177	1		1	3	6		9		4	200
" Linebrook par.		Stated supply													
Newbury, 1st par.	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816													
" Belleville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832													
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. chh.	Luther F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819													
" Temple-st. chh.	Randolph Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837													
" 1st presb. chh.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835			350	14	9	23		8	4	12	1	15	230
Rowley,	John Pike,														
Salisbury, (R. Hill,)	B Sawyer,	Stated supply.	14	32	46	1		1	2	1		3			65
W. Newbury, East pr.	Henry Woodman,	Dec. 1843													
" West,	John Q A. Edgell,	Sept 19, 1832													
Total, 23	22				1300										

ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

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			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Beverly, Dane-st.	J. Abbott,	Oct 23, 1834	78	172	250	25	1	26							
" Washington-st.	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	26	84	110	1		1	4	2		6		4	98
" North,	J. Foote,	Stated supply.	2	19	21		1	1	2			2			50
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 3, 1838	16	43	59	5	1	6		2		2	2	2	150
Danvers, 1st chh.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	50	147	197										200
" 2d chh.	Thomas P. Field,	Oct. 1, 1840	62	182	244				3						225
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	44	91	135					3	1	4		3	192
Gloucester, Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	23	87	110										190
" Annisquam par.	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	8	22	30		1	1						3	50
" West par.	H. C. Jewett,	Stated supply.	11	26	37										60
Hamilton,	George W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	25	81	116										130
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	35	119	154	4	3	7	4			4	2	10	200
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	45	135	180	15	11	26	4	13			6	9	240
Lynnfield,	H. S. Green,	Dec. 27, 1837	20	33	53	2		2	1	3		4		4	75
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 13, 1839			290	3		3	9	5	1	10	2	10	340
Marblehead,	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	81	273	354	7	1	8	5	2		7		11	200
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	53	99	152	3		3						2	120
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	124	194	318	4		4	5	7		12		6	364
Salem, Crombie-st.	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	47	163	210	40	3	43	3	6		9	18		160
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840	48	96	144				3		4	7	7	13	150
" South,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805	108	305	413	54	6	60	5		1	6	19	20	360
" Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	83	346	429	21		21	15	7	2	24	5	12	400
Saugus,	Theop. P. Sawin,	March 19, 1843	8	15	23										78
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec 8, 1841	59	122	181	2		2	5		2	7	1	1	90
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	56	78	134	36	3	39	1	1		2	24	15	205
Total, 25	25		1113	3027	4140	207	20	227	66	38	11	87	80	116	4327

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Green-st.	William Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 5, 1826	53	204	257	44	6	50	2	6		8	19	4	95
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	98	381	479	35	8	43	3	24		27	7	14	145
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 1832	209	400	609	110	35	145	10	85		95	60	35	325
" Salem-st.	Joseph H. Towne,	June 2, 1837	182	381	563	121	32	153	4	29	3	36			450
" Central,	William M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	164	289	453	110	88	198	2	17		19	51	33	350
" Garden-st.	William R. Chapman,	Sept. 8, 1841	50	145	195	82	35	117	4	9	3	16	42	18	150
Cambridge, Shep. chh,	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	44	126	170	27	9	35	1	9		10	13	3	
" Port,	William A. Stearns,	Dec. 11, 1831	68	157	225	20	32	52	6	*30		36	11	13	180
East Cambridge,	F. T. Perkins,		8	34	42	4	11	15	1			1		1	45
Charlestown, 1st chh.	W. I. Buddington,	April 22, 1840	60	220	288	36	7	43	5	6	1	12	16	24	250
" Winthrop,	John Humphrey,	Nov. 29, 1842	82	185	267	35	11	46	4	10		14	15	5	225
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	73	170	243	49	10	59	3	12		15	23	28	200
Malden,	Vacant,														
Newton, 1st,	Wm. Bushnell,	May 23, 1843	44	95	139		2	2	3	6		9		6	
" 2d,	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828													
Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838													
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	Isaac P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	46	76	120	46	25	71	1	4		5	27	24	165
Total, 17	16		1181	2569	4050	719	301	1020	49	247	7	303	284	209	2373

*The persons dismissed from brother Stearns' church went away to form another church.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadly, Asa Bullard, Seth Bliss, George C. Beckwith, and Dorus Clark.

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			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Bible Class.
Boston, Pine-st.	Austin Phelps,	March 31, 1842	67	171	238										250
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	125	450	575	37	29	66	7	37	2	46	13	13	350
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	171	457	628	73	29	102	7	29	1	37	24	26	275
" Mariners' chh	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	77	71	148	30		30	2	9	3	14	4	10	216
" Mt. Vernon ch.	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	44	79	123	28	48	76					7	7	250
S. Boston, Phillips ch.	Wm. W. Patton,	Jan. 18, 1843	82	175	257	8	3	16	3	18	2	23	3	8	200
Brighton,	John R. Adams,	Feb. 2, 1842	56	108	164	11	5	16	4	3	1	8	10	12	165
Dedham,	E. Burgess, D. D.,	March 14, 1821	58	184	242	3	3	6	5	11	2	18	1	5	250
Roxbury,	A. E Thompson,	July 27, 1842	60	124	184	21	25	46	1	9		10	2	8	175
" West,	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	18	46	64	5		5	3	7		10	1	10	80
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	35	115	150	28		28	2			2	18	18	200
Total, 11	11		793	1980	2773	244	147	391	34	123	11	168	83	117	2411

Without Pastoral Charge.—Louis Dwight, David Greene, Joseph S. Clark, and Samuel H. Riddell.

Removed from the bounds of the Association.—Jacob Abbott, A. A. Phelps, S. Lamson, and E. P. Sperry.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Abington, 1st chh.	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	43	68	111	23		23	3	5		8	8	21	140
" 2d, "	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842	48	96	144	26	4	30	1	1		2	16	25	200
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840	42	68	110	34	5	39	1	1	2	4	17	2	193
Braintree, 1st chh.	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	49	146	195	21	11	32	6	5		11	7	12	227
" South,	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	22	40	62	19		19		1		1	11	16	130
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	73	121	194	33	4	37	3		3	6	12	15	200
*Canton,	—— Kidder,	Stated supply.	5	12	17										
Cohasset,	Daniel H. Babcock,	June 9, 1842	14	86	100	17		17	2			2	8	3	116
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	30	92	122	5		5	5			5	1	7	85
Dorchester, 2d chh.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	109	251	360	35	10	45	1	19		20	7	26	200
" Village,	Daniel Butler,	Oct. 31, 1838	53	138	191	32	4	36	3	7	1	11	12	17	125
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	50	85	135	21	4	25	2	8		10	16	11	166
E. & W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	41	70	111	12		12	3	2	1	6	6	3	175
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	56	72	5		5	2		2	4	2	4	100
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	12	50	62	23		23	1			1	12	1	80
Milton,	Samuel W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	59	115	174	56		56	1	9		10	20	18	160
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	99	159	258	41	1	42	3	3		6	28	18	350
" South par.	Daniel Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1841	26	36	62	19	5	24	3	2		5	9	6	120
Quincy,	William Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	19	57	76	16	6	22					8	14	75
Randolph, 1st chh.	C. Hitchcock, D. D.,	Feb. 28, 1821	52	89	141	25		25	3	5		8	10	1	148
" East,	W. A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	48	70	118	12		12	4			4	4	2	200
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1842	29	44	73	25	5	30					18	9	133
Sharon,	L. R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841	31	76	107	9	6	15	3	2		5	6	5	100
Stoughton, 1st chh.	Henry Eddy,	Nov. 4, 1840				5	1	6					1	1	90
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery, Jr.	Jan. 25, 1838	77	163	240	68	2	70	3	1		4	51	6	300
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept 12, 1838	20	70	90	5	1	6	2	2		4	3	1	125
Total, 26	26		1167	2258	3325	587	69	656	55	73	9	137	293	244	3822

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ebenezer Gay and Stephen Bailey.

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Attleboro',	J. Crane,	Oct. 20, 1840	60	175	235	24	1	25	2	6		8	9	5	300
" Old par.	I. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	45	79	124	17	4	21		3		3	10		125
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	71	196	267	69	11	80	4	9		13	50	38	320
Rehoboth,	J. C. Paine,	June 6, 1838													
Fall River,	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	71	169	240		2	2	9	92	1	102		6	500
West Middleboro',	J. R. Bragg,	Oct. 1842			112			25	1	1		2	22		105
Raynham,	E. Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	35	114	149	13		13	1	2		3	12		155
North Middleboro',	P. Colby,	Jan. 6, 1817													
Bridgewater,	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837													
Seekonk,	J. O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824													
Taunton,	E. Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	76	219	295	19	8	27	4	12		16	10	11	320
" West,	A. Cobb,	April 19, 1815	36	107	143	6	7	13					3	8	150
" Spring-st.	L. Tailor,	May 1843													
Dighton,	—— Bailey,	Stated supply.													
Norton,	H. Barrows,	Stated supply.													
Berkley,	C. Chamberlain,	July 8, 1842													
Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	12	32	44	8	1	9	1	3		4	3	3	90
Total, 17	17														

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
New Bedford, North,	Vacant,		60	290	350	35	3	38	6	6		12	21	5	200
" Trinitarian,	J. A. Roberts,	Nov. 14, 1832	34	83	117	5	3	8					1		156
" 1st chh.	D. C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	19	43	62	18		18		1		1	12		100
Fairhaven, 1st,	Jacob Roberts,	July 17, 1839			217	27	6	33	6	10		16		5	121
" Central,	William Gould, D. W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	47	92	139	21	6	27	6	1		7	4	6	140
Rochester, Centre,	J. Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	28	93	121	3		3	2	2		4	3		100
" South,	Oliver Cobb, D. D. Leander Cobb,	Feb. 5, 1799 Dec. 1, 1841	20	48	68	20		20					12	11	
" Mattapoisett,	T. Robbins, D. D.	Oct. 17, 1832	56	103	159	27	1	28	7	3	1	11	8	5	145
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	Stated supply.	10	30	40	5		5					3	8	
Dartmouth,	Andrew Bigelow,	Aug. 25, 1841	22	65	87	13		13					9	3	80
Middleboro',	Israel W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	65	197	262	15	4	19	3	1		4	9		150
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	30	100	130	7	1	8	6	3		9	2	3	100
Total, 12	13				1752	196	24	220	36	26	1	63	84	40	

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Brewster,	Samuel Williams,	April 1832	12	65	77	7		7	1			1		1	89
Chatham,	Charles Rockwell,	March 27, 1839	45	110	155	15		15							125
Dennis,	Daniel Kendrick,	Dec. 1839	7	15	22										25
" South,	*John Pettingal,	Pastor elect.	37	71	108	15	2	17	1	3		4	9	1	230
Eastham,	Enoch Pratt,	Stated supply.	16	38	54	8		8							65
Harwich,	Wm. H. Adams,	Pastor elect.	36	102	138	54	7	61	4			4	33	10	120
Orleans,	Jacob White,	Stated supply.	45	146	191	47		47					19	10	312
Provincetown,	*L. R. Eastman,	Stated supply.	10	20	30	10		10							40
Truro,	Vacant,		51	84	135	30		30	3	†29		32		10	210
" North,	*Osborn Myrick,	Stated supply.	6	24	30	2		2							30
Wellfleet,	*William Dodd,	Pastor elect.	61	131	192	40		40	2			2			100
" South,	Vacant,		30	115	145										79
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	April 24, 1822	42	92	134	5		5	1			1	2	3	118
" South,	*Ebenezer Chase,	Jan. 1843	7	57	64	2		2	1			1		1	88
Total, 14	12		405	1070	1475	235	9	244	13	32		45	63	36	1434

*Not yet connected with the Association.

†Dismissed to form North church.

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Nantucket,	J. S. C. Abbott,	Nov. 1841	70	320	390	129	4	133	4	4		8	86	10	400
Edgartown,	John Storrs,	Stated supply.	24	90	114	9	1	10	3	1	1	5	4	4	100
*West Tisbury,	J. Walker,	Stated supply.	14	34	48										
*Chilmark,	Luke A. Spofford,	Feb. 1841			24										
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	78	203	281	20	5	25	7	3	1	11	7	10	360
" North,	C. C. Beman,	Stated supply.	30	48	78	4	2	6	4	2		6	2	2	60
" East,	J. D. Lewis,	Sept. 28, 1842	23	41	64	1			4					3	50
Sandwich,	G. Pease,	Stated supply.	56	132	188	23	1	24	1			1	6	2	200
Barnstable, West,	A. Hayes,	May 24, 1843	30	62	92				7						
" Centre chh.	E. Bacon,	Stated supply.	31	57	88	39	4	43	2	1		3	8	17	70
*Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1811													70
Monument,	H. Lucas,	June 1841	13	41	54	4		4	1	2		3	4	1	40
Total, 12	12														

*Not reported.

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1843.			Admissions in 1842.			Removals in 1842.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Carver,	Jonathan King,		33	68	101			1	4	3		7			80
Kingston,	Joseph Peckham,		25	63	88	11	3	14	1			1	9	10	90
Plymouth, Monu. par.	John Dwight,	July 1841	59	78	137	43		44					24	7	
" Eel River,	B. Whitman,*														
" Ch. of Pilgrimage,	Robert B. Hall,	Aug. 23, 1837	36	122	158	9		9	3			3	6	11	130
" Robinson chh.	Cyrus Mann,		21	79	100	18	5	23	2	1		3	7	12	110
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	42	112	154	45		45	3	3		6	25	1	140
Total, 7	7														

*Not reported.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Total,															

Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting, next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the Christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be

organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be admitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies. if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of each Primary Delegate to any foreign body, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance upon the duty assigned him; and until such notification be made, or an acceptable reason be assigned for his non-attendance, he shall be ineligible as a Delegate to any foreign body.

6. It shall be the duty of each Delegate to any foreign body appointed as a Substitute, to notify the Secretary of this Association, at, or before, the opening of its annual meeting next after his appointment, of his attendance, or non-attendance as such Delegate, and until such notification be made, he shall be ineligible to the same body.

7. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

8. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

9. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

10. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts convened at Woburn, in the Vestry of Rev. Joseph Bennett's meeting-house, June 25th, 1844, at five o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Mr. Bennett; who took the chair.

Rev. Cyrus Mann was appointed temporary Scribe.

Certificates of membership were read; and it appeared that the following persons were regularly appointed delegates to the Association:

Berkshire Association,	Rev. S. W. Banister, Rev. Lavius Hyde.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Morris E. White, Rev. Henry Neill.
Hampshire East Asso.	Rev. David Eastman, Rev. Francis Wood.
Hampden West Asso.	Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale, Rev. Dillon Williams.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Samuel Harris, Rev. Benjamin F. Clarke.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. George Trask, Rev. John Fisk.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Willard Holbrook, Rev. Michael Burdett.
Hampden East Asso.	Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D. Rev. E. B. Clark.

Worcester Central Asso.	None.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. S. N. Peckham, Rev. Solomon Clark.
Mendon Association,	Rev. Daniel J. Poor, Rev. David Sanford.
Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. E. W. Bullard, Rev. E. P. Dyer.
Middlesex South Asso.	Rev. Edward Dowse, Rev. Joseph Haven, Jr.
Woburn Association,	Rev. A. Picket, Rev. John Haven.
Andover Association,	Rev. J. L. Taylor, Rev. B. F. Clark.
Essex North Association,	Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, Rev. D. T. Kimball.
Essex South Association,	Rev. Daniel Fitz, Rev. M. A. H. Niles.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. W. I. Budington, Rev. Wm. Bushnell.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Augustus C. Thompson, Rev. Asahel Bigelow.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Willard Pearce, Rev. Dennis Powers.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Stetson Raymond, Rev. Philip Colby.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Samuel Nott, Rev. Jonathan Bigelow.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	Rev. Alonzo Hayes.
Brewster Association,	Rev. J. N. Pettengill, Rev. Charles Rockwell.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Cyrus Mann.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. Calvin Hitchcock, D. D. Rev. Orin Fowler.

Ex Officiis.

Rev. Joseph Bennett, Minister of Woburn, and Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary.

The following delegates were also present from Foreign Bodies:

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Jason Atwater.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, and Rev. Timothy A. Taylor.

General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, Rev. John Gridley.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. John Wood.

Honorary Members.

Rev. Gardner B. Perry, Delegate to the last General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Hiram A. Tracy, Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire in 1843.

General Association of New York, Rev. P. Field.

General Conference of Maine, Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Rev. Calvin Hitchcock was chosen Moderator. Rev. Cyrus Mann was chosen Scribe, and Rev. Orin Fowler, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the Association were read, and the Moderator opened the meeting by prayer.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Committee on Elections, Messrs. Fowler, Raymond, and John Haven.

Committee of Arrangements, Messrs. Bennett, Snell, and Sandford of Medway.

Committee to audit accounts, Messrs. Clark of Rowe, and Peckham.

Committee of Nominations, Messrs. Snell, Pickett, and Colby.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, Messrs. A. Bigelow, Holbrook, Dr. Osgood, Nott, and Rockwell.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. The Association met according to adjournment. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

The Rev. Dr. Baird, Secretary of the Foreign Evangelical Society, delivered an instructive address, touching the objects of that society.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Fowler offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the facts presented, this Association is impressed with the deep and solemn conviction, that the diffusion of the principles of true religion in Romish countries is destined, under God, to exert a mighty influence for the benefit of those countries and the conversion of the world.

Resolved, That we believe the churches within the bounds of this Association will be aiding a great and good work, by contributing of their substance to this cause.

The report of the Committee appointed by this body several years since, to correspond with Ecclesiastical Bodies at the South on the subject of slavery, was read by the Rev. Mr. Sessions of that committee.

Whereupon, Rev. Mr. Peckham moved the acceptance of the Report, which was carried.

A protracted and animated debate ensued on the subject of printing the report, but without coming to any decisive result.

Voted to adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Dr. Osgood, and Messrs. Stearns, Atwater, and Gridley were appointed a Committee to report on the state of religion.

Resolved, That eleven o'clock tomorrow be assigned as the hour to hear the Agents of Benevolent Societies.

Messrs. Snell, J. Bigelow, and White, were appointed a Committee to designate the place of the next annual meeting of the Association.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Wood of New Hampshire.

Attended to the Narratives of the State of Religion in the several District Associations.

Narratives were also presented by the Delegates present from corresponding bodies.

The Delegates of Norfolk Association had leave of absence.

Messrs. Hinsdale, Perry, and Mann, were appointed a Committee to nominate the second preacher before the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Brewster Association was designated to appoint the next Associational preacher.

Messrs. Putnam, Bigelow, and Nott, were appointed to prepare the next Pastoral Address.

The Committee on the next place of meeting reported, and the next meeting of Association was appointed to be held at Westminster, in Worcester North Association.

A communication from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin was read by Dr. Snell, and committed to Messrs. Fisk, Harris, and S. Clark.

Voted, That the following be a substitute for By-laws No. 5 and 6, and that it be inserted in their place, viz.

It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be primaries or substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.

Mr. Dyer of Middlesex Union, had leave of absence.

Voted, To devote the first hour in the morning to the hearing of Prof. Edwards' report.

After prayer by Mr. Trask, adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

At eight o'clock last evening, a sermon, from Isaiah 35: 1, 2, in behalf of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, was preached by the Rev. Prof. Edwards, and a contribution, amounting to $38,55, was taken up for the benefit of said society.

The Committee appointed last year to report on the subject of Papacy, made a report, extracts from which were read by Prof. B. B. Edwards of Andover.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the committee, and that the report be referred back to that committee, and that they be requested to prepare it for publication.

The Committee to nominate a second preacher for the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, reported; whereupon, Rev. Orin Fowler was appointed second preacher.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported—which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Constantine Blodget, } Primaries.
Rev. Seth Sweetser, }
Rev. Silas Aiken, } Substitutes.
Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, }

To the Constitutional Presbyterian Church.
Rev. S. G. Buckingham, } Primaries.
Rev. E. Smalley, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.
Rev. Horatio Bardwell, } Primaries.
Rev. W. A. Stearns, }
Rev. Jonathan Bigelow, } Substitutes.
Rev. Joseph Knight, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.
Rev. Amariah Chandler, } Primaries.
Rev. J. N. Pettengill, }
Rev. J. Q. A. Edgell, } Substitutes.
Rev. Nathaniel Beach, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.
Rev. Daniel Fitz, } Primaries.
Rev. R. E. Hatch, }
Rev. Paul Couch, } Substitutes.
Rev. Amos Blanchard, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.
Rev. J. A. Albro, } Primaries.
Rev. Daniel Butler, }
Rev. W. Holbrook, } Substitutes.
Rev. Leander Cobb, }

To the General Conference of Maine.
Rev. S. Osgood, D. D., } Primaries.
Rev. Joseph Bennett, }
Rev. S. Nott, Jr., } Substitutes.
Rev. C. Rockwell, }

To the General Association of New York.
Rev. William B. Bond, } Primaries.
Rev. T. S. Southworth, }
Rev. S. W. Banister, } Substitutes.
Rev. L. Luce, }

To the General Association of Michigan.
Rev. E. Davis, } Primaries.
Rev. R. M. Chipman, }
Rev. John Todd, } Substitutes.
Rev. A. M. Colton, }

The Committee to whom was referred the request of the Congregational and Presbyterian Convention of Wisconsin, reported, that they have examined the Constitution and Articles of Faith of said body, and recommend, that this General Association comply with their request for fraternal intercourse and correspondence.

Voted, That the report be adopted: and the Secretary was appointed to carry on the correspondence.

The Committee appointed last year to prepare the Pastoral Letter, reported, and the Letter presented by them was read by one of the committee, and on motion it was accepted, adopted, and committed to the hands of the publishing committee.

The Committee on uniting this Association with the Pastoral Association, reported, and the report was accepted, and recommitted to the same committee.

The Committee on allowing the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society to send a delegation to this Association made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the admission of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society to a representation in this Association, beg leave to report:

That the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, occupying as it does an important ground which is not and cannot be

fully reached by any other existing organization, deserves in a peculiar manner the patronage and co-operation of the congregational ministers and churches of this state. Yet your committee are of opinion, that to admit it to that intimate connection with this body which is contemplated by the resolutions offered at the last annual meeting would be to afford a precedent of very wide and undesirable application, and on the whole is not expedient.

The Committee for auditing the Treasurer's account, reported, that they find it correctly cast and properly vouched; that there is in the treasury $76,64. The committee recommend a tax of *twenty-five cents* on the members of the several Associations for the year to come.

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Edwards on the observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Church Psalmody, reported in substance, that no action is expedient on the subject.

A Committee was appointed to consider the subject of sending a delegation to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, consisting of Messrs. Perry, Snell, and Fisk.

Rev. Mr. Fowler had leave of absence after eleven o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Fowler, N. Adams, and Towne, were appointed a Committee of Publication.

Rev. Mr. Wood of East Hampshire Association, read a communication, submitting certain questions of church government to the Association. The subject was referred to a committee of three, to report next year.

Committee appointed, Dr. Emerson, Dr. Hitchcock, and Mr. Cooke.

Rev. Mr. Bushnell was appointed an Assistant Scribe, pro. tem.

The subject of printing the report on the correspondence with Ecclesiastical Bodies at the South was resumed. After some further debate, the following resolution, presented by Dr. Osgood, was passed:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee of correspondence with Ecclesiastical Bodies on the subject of slavery, be published under the direction of the committee and at their discretion.

Rev. George C. Beckwith was allowed to speak ten minutes on the subject of peace.

The same length of time was allotted to other speakers on benevolent objects.

The claims of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were presented by the Rev. Mr. Bingham of the Sandwich Islands.

The Association listened to the Rev. Mr. Albro, with reference to the claims of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

The following resolution was then adopted, viz :

Resolved, That this Association continue to regard the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society with special favor, as an important auxiliary in providing a sound religious literature for the children and youth of our congregations, and in the work of the moral and religious training of the young, and we recommend to our churches, that they continue to extend to this institution their sympathy, prayers, and co-operation, and to make it the organ of disbursing their charities to destitute Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Harvey Wilbur spoke in behalf of Pastoral Bible Classes.

Whereupon, the following resolutions were adopted, viz :

1. That the past smiles of heaven on Pastors' Bible classes should encourage renewed and persevering efforts within the limits of this Association to increase their numbers and their prosperity.

2. That a Committee of three pastors be chosen to promote this object, and report to the next meeting of this Association. Committee, Messrs. Kirk, Budington, and Bennett.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported in favor of appointing a delegation to the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. G. B. Perry and Dr. Burgess were appointed delegates.

The claims of the West Indian Missions were presented by Rev. Mr. Hovey.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be returned to the Rev. Mr. Bennett and his people, for their generous and christian hospitality. Also, to the Choir for their acceptable services; and that the Rev. Mr. Bennett be requested to communicate this vote to his people.

Voted to adjourn to 2 o'clock, P. M., to attend the public religious services at that time. Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association met agreeably to adjournment, to attend the public religious services. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Stearns. Rev. D. T. Kimball preached the Associational Sermon. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered, the exercises of which were conducted by Rev. J. Leavitt and Rev. John Gridley.

Voted, To leave the narrative of the state of religion without reading in the hands of the committee who prepared it, and with the Publishing Committee to be published at their discretion.

Voted, That the above be approved as the Minutes of the Association.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Voted, That the Association be dissolved.

CALVIN HITCHCOCK, *Moderator.*
CYRUS MANN, *Scribe.*
ORIN FOWLER, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In presenting the narrative of the state of religion in our churches, we should rejoice to say that the ways of God towards them have been like the morning spread upon the mountains, shining with increased brightness unto the perfect day. But while we can with confidence make mention of the loving kindness of the Lord, in granting us great prosperity and peace in our churches during the past year, we are compelled to speak of some of those evils, as still existing, which have troubled the churches in years past, and which must have prevented the progress of truth in those sections where they have prevailed. Ever since the introduction of the gospel dispensation, there has been a disposition in some of the professed disciples of Jesus to be carried about by diverse and strange doctrines. We are indeed to expect that where the Son of man sows much good seed, Satan will scatter among it some tares. The duty of the faithful husbandman is to watch the springing of these tares, and carefully keep them down, lest the good seed should be impeded in its progress towards perfection. If in this imperfect state, we are not to expect the entire purity of the church, we ought fervently to desire it, to pray for it, and to seek it. Some may think that it is impolitic to speak of existing evils in the churches; that the narrative which we present should not excite a single painful emotion; that it should only present a bright and beautiful prospect calculated to comfort and cheer the people of God. But if there are heresies among us, how shall men shun them if they are not mentioned. We are not to be startled nor dis-

couraged at the existence of evils in the visible church. While the watchmen of Zion should not sound a needless alarm, they ought unquestionably to warn men of any dangers which they may perceive or apprehend. It cannot be concealed that in some sections of our Commonwealth there has existed a spirit of insubordination among some of the members of our churches which has led them to despise those who were over them in the Lord, because they could not yield to their dictation in some reformations in morals, and go forward with violence rather than with moderation. This spirit, however, we are happy to say, is spending itself in a harmless manner. Those who were most filled with it have principally withdrawn, and left the churches in peace, while many others who were at first carried away with their dissimulations have seen their errors and have returned to the performance of their duty as christian brethren in the family of Christ. Another evil which is intimately connected with that which has been mentioned, and which probably is its legitimate offspring, is the withholding the means which are requisite to support the institutions of the gospel from those pastors who do not come up to their notions upon subjects which they deem to be all important, and also from that missionary organization which is engaged to send the gospel to the heathen. It is to be regretted that in some instances members of churches have done this, and have thus lent their influence to weaken the church, and destroy its efficient action against the kingdom of Satan. And here again we are happy to say that a better feeling begins to prevail; some of this evil does not exist to so great an extent as it did one year ago. The churches have not during the past year manifested so much readiness to dismiss their pastors as they have done, and there seems to be a growing desire for the good old practice of their pilgrim fathers.

There is one more evil which we will mention, which is brought before us in the reports of one or two of the district Associations—it is a preference of stated supplies, to stated pastors. But the churches will soon be convinced of the inexpediency of this course. The spiritually minded will perceive that under such a practice they must inevitably lose all vitality, and have only a name to live, while they are dead.

We have glanced at a few of the evils which exist in some sections of our Commonwealth, and which we fully believe will ere long be removed. And how many tokens of God's special kindness to our churches have we to bring forward by

way of contrast? Peace has been extended to us as a river. The churches have been gathering in and enjoying the fruits of those revivals which they experienced a year ago. The multitudes who were converted to God in these times of refreshing have thus far proved steadfast and unmoveable; they have walked in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. They have contributed to the strength of the church and to make her "terrible as an army with banners." From every section of the Commonwealth most animating intelligence comes up respecting the progress of temperance. The cause is gaining ground rapidly, and the friends manifest the best feelings towards each other and a disposition to merge all minor considerations in pushing forward the work to its final consummation. In many places, where moral suasion has been exhausted to induce those engaged in the sale of intoxicating drink to abandon the traffic, but without success, prosecutions have been instituted, and have been successful. With the entire voice of the moral and religious portion of the community on their side, and with the aid of a wise and wholesome law, under the administration of virtuous magistrates, the friends of temperance will certainly accomplish the desire of their hearts. The institutions of benevolence generally are in a prosperous condition; there is an increasing feeling among the members of our churches, favorable to the objects which are pursued by these organizations. The aid which has been asked for the colleges and theological seminaries of the West, has either been already granted, or a favorable response has been given to their requests, which will be carried out in due time. The present and increasing wants of the millions of our countrymen now filling the great valley of the Mississippi, produce a strong feeling in the hearts of Christians in this section of the land, and we trust will lead them to contribute of their abundance to give them the bread of life; to furnish them with an evangelical ministry; to establish and succor those institutions which have made our own New England the glory of all lands. They need this aid to make them the joy of many generations;—without it the Man of Sin will take possession of this fair and rich portion of our land, and will hold it in his own grasp, to the unspeakable detriment of our own republican institutions and the interests of protestant religion.

The monthly concert of prayer is observed in all our churches, and awakens increasing interest in the cause of mis-

sions. In most of our churches, the Sabbath school is kept up during the year, where it is practicable. The churches are fully sensible that those plants must be nourished here, which are to make glad the city of our God. The Sabbath is better regarded in many sections of our State than it was a year ago. The transportation of the mail upon our Western Rail-Road has been discontinued, and the fact ought to cheer us on to make further efforts to induce our rulers to forego the desecration of that holy day by any national acts. The cause of the slave is striking a deeper cord every day, in the heart of the Christian and the philanthropist, and producing a feeling which will ere long absorb every selfish interest, and lead to his emancipation.

The churches of this body have not been able to bring up a report of so many revivals within their bounds as they reported at the last meeting. Nevertheless, God has not in this respect forsaken his heritage. He has granted special showers of grace to several churches in our connection, which we must notice more briefly than would be gratifying to the feelings of Christians.

In Hampden West Association, the churches in Tolland, East Granville, Feeding Hills, and Agawam (in West Springfield,) have experienced seasons of refreshing, and a considerable number have been gathered into the fold of Christ.

In Hampden East Association, the three congregational churches in the centre of Springfield have been favored with a pleasing revival during the early part of the last winter. Also the churches in Longmeadow have witnessed a more than common interest, and a considerable number have been converted. These revivals were characterized by great order and stillness. They were the result of the regular dispensation of the word by the stated pastors, with the steady cooperation of the members of their churches.

Franklin Association report that 248 members were added to their twenty-five churches in 1843. These were a part of the fruits of the revivals with which their churches were favored. The deleterious influence produced by those who maintained that the second advent of Christ was to happen in 1843, is said to be passing away ; though some, it is to be feared, are now asking, by way of contempt, "Where is the promise of his coming?" and are hardening their hearts against his claims to their obedience.

Worcester North Association has eleven churches, and seven pastors have been dismissed within four years. This indicates a state of instability greatly to be deplored, and the result, it is believed, is mainly to be traced to the dissemination of the sentiments of those who maintained that Christ was to appear immediately. We might naturally suppose that those who believed in that sentiment would be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and that they would rejoice to leave the world in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bonds of peace, and not endeavor to sow discord among brethren.

Middlesex Union Association report that 150 have been added to their churches during the year 1843; that their churches are quiet and walk orderly, though four vacancies have occurred during the year. The vacant churches manifest a strong attachment for the institutions of the gospel, and it is presumed they will soon be supplied with stated pastors.

Woburn Association reports no general revivals within their bounds. They are enjoying great spiritual prosperity; the churches are harmonious, and are carrying out the great principles of the gospel in a vigorous and happy manner. The first church in Woburn has been often blessed by the divine Spirit, and a few souls have been gathered in during the past year.

The churches in the Brewster and Vineyard Sound Associations have been thoroughly sifted by the efforts of errorists; but they appear generally to have stood the shock, and to have gained strength in the conflict. The churches are now in a good condition and are moving forward in order and harmony. They have experienced the truth of the promise, "I will sift the house of Israel as corn is sifted in a sieve, but not one grain shall fall to the earth."

From the delegates of other States in fraternal connection with this Association, we have encouraging reports touching the general prosperity of the churches within their bounds. They are much of the same general character as the reports from our own Commonwealth.

The General Association of New Hampshire report, that they have in their connection 168 Congregational and six or eight Presbyterian churches. These churches contain 21,580 members. The churches not included in the last return

would probably increase the number to 22,000. The number of stated pastors is 150, and thirty employed as stated supplies. The influence of the New Hampshire Missionary Society has been most salutary in raising and sustaining churches, which without their aid must have presented nothing but a moral waste. Several of these feeble churches have been favored with revivals, and have increased more rapidly than older and established churches. The additions to the whole churches in the state in the year previous to the last returns, was 1,800, of whom 449, equal to one fourth of the whole, were made to the churches aided by the Missionary Society, while their numbers previous to the addition was less than one eighth. The churches have not been blessed during the past year with any copious showers of divine grace, but considerable accessions have been made to the churches in different sections of the State. The influences of a pernicious character which have been directed against the peace and prosperity of the churches, by errorists of various descriptions, have not resulted as these errorists expected, and the churches on the whole are in a prosperous condition, and are prosecuting the work which their divine Master has given them to do, with commendable zeal. All the benevolent institutions are patronized by the members of the churches. Temperance has taken a strong hold of the affections of Christians, and the use of alcoholic drinks is fast passing away.

The General Convention of Vermont state that there are connected with that body twelve Associations, 201 churches, ninety-four settled pastors, sixty-one stated supplies, forty-one destitute churches, forty-four ministers who have no pastoral charges, but who are mostly engaged in useful employments: whole number of members 21,193; added during the last year 605 by profession, 384 by letter. No general or extensive revivals have been experienced by any of the churches. The cause of temperance is on the advance, and the benevolent associations of the day are cherished by the churches.

From the General Conference of Maine an interesting verbal report was made, but no statistics of the churches furnished. The churches are not troubled with any pernicious errors, but are moving on harmoniously in the work of the Lord, and are enjoying the happy fruits of revivals in former

years. The churches in Maine have great efficiency, and have taken a high stand in reference to those subjects which interest all the evangelical churches of our country. Bowdoin College and the Theological Seminary at Bangor are in a flourishing condition.

Information of the same general interest as above mentioned was received from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island. The political troubles which agitated their State have subsided, and the churches are harmonious, and the members are kindly affectioned towards one another. The University at Providence is flourishing. Pure religion is evidently on the advance in the churches connected with the Consociation, and Congregational principles are gaining among the people at large.

The General Association of Connecticut report that they have in their connection thirteen District Associations, in which are 250 churches, 211 pastors and stated supplies, and a sufficient number of unsettled ministers to supply the vacant churches. There have been no general or extensive revivals during the last year in any of the churches, though some mercy drops have fallen upon several churches. An interesting work of grace has been experienced in Yale College in March and April, and twenty or more have been converted to the Lord.

From the Association of Congregational Ministers in the State of New York, we learn that a favorable impulse has been given to the cause of Congregational church polity within their limits, and that although their churches are few and feeble when compared with the great Presbyterian denomination, yet they are gradually extending their interests in a kind and quiet manner. Many of the descendants of the Pilgrims, who have settled in Northern and Western New York are disposed to cherish the sentiments of church order, under which their fathers lived, believing that they are more conformed to the simplicity of apostolic times.

In view of those statements, on which this brief narrative is given, the churches of Massachusetts and those in fraternal connection with this Association have cause to thank God and take courage. The Great Head of the church is evidently doing a great and good work through their instrumentality. They may confidently rely on his continued assistance. It is for his glory they work. For such an object

it behooves them to work while the day lasts. Every year closes the period of labor for some faithful servant. Some have entered into their rest since we last met, and others will be called before we shall meet again. The great Master says to all be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of Massachusetts, being once more assembled under the loving kindness of God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, tender to the Congregational churches their kind salutations and christian regards. Solicitous as heretofore, for your highest spiritual prosperity, and aware that a calm and settled conviction of mind in regard to denominational preference is essential to that prosperity, we beg leave to call your attention to *some of the traits in the Congregational system of our Fathers which render it efficient in the promotion of good.*

In this system the voluntary principle has its free and full developement. All covenant obligations are voluntary. We do not consider the children of believers whom we dedicate to God by baptism, as members of the Church, in any such sense as to subject them to discipline or censure until they voluntarily take the vows of God upon them. We censure immorality or unbelief in them, in no other way than that in which we treat the same vices in the children of unbelievers. To one and all we simply apply, as forcibly as we are able, the motives of the Bible, to induce them voluntarily to "subscribe with *their* hands unto the Lord and surname themselves by the name of Israel." Like the civil state, we leave them free to make their own election, either in placing themselves under the institutions of their fathers, or in forming new relations. We take them not by guile, in infancy, and introduce them to a state religion, an established church, and then,

if they depart from her standards, thunder forth an excommunication against them.

According to this system, the formation of a church is the voluntary act of a competent number of believers. Whenever, and wherever, such a number of believers is found, it is their privilege and their duty to form themselves into a visible church, and to have all the rights, and exercise all the functions necessary to their highest perfection and their perpetuity. This seems to have been the primitive practice. In no other way can we account for the formation of many of the first churches, as the church at Rome, and at many other places.

The voluntary principle is fully recognized in the election and appointment of Pastors or Bishops. Without the voice of believers, expressed in a voluntary election, the Apostles would not institute even a deacon to take charge of matters temporal; how certain it is then that there was no other way for the institution of a Bishop or Pastor. In primitive times, there never was, there never could be, *a Bishop without a church*, without the voluntary act of a church to give him being. Such is God's condescension, and such his determination to take away all excuse for impenitence, that he calls upon men to choose the Ambassador whom he shall send to them on the great concern of reconciliation. This throws the greatest number possible of every community under a religious teacher of their own choice; an arrangement conducive in the highest degree to the edification of the people.

The alliance between a christian church and a Parish among us, is altogether voluntary; a circumstance tending greatly to promote christian courtesy and kindness between the parties, and to prepare the minds of unbelievers, in the best possible way, to feel the influence of christian effort and example. Such a preparation for revivals of religion seems to us to have originated with him who would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

The pecuniary support afforded to a Minister is based on the voluntary principle. With few exceptions, in which our churches and parishes have funds, furnished by the generosity of our fathers, nothing reaches the hand of a minister to procure bread for himself and his children, but what has come warm from the hand of a voluntary parishioner. This voluntary principle prevails in the location, erection, and repairs

of houses of worship, and of every thing pertaining to the institutions of the gospel.

One of the pre-eminently good effects of this voluntary principle is its tendency to secure the highest degree of brotherly love. The Congregational Church is best defined as *a visible manifestation of this love.* It simply shews that a certain number of human beings think, believe, and feel alike, on the subject of the religion of the gospel, and this evinces their love of truth, an agreement in the truth being the band that holds them together. Congregationalism is a machine which cannot be constructed or moved or continued, without brotherly love. When this spirit is gone, it becomes a dead carcass, and our fathers had no plan to prevent its early sepulture. We aim not to bind together the elements of a moral tempest. This may explain the fact, that no where on earth, is there found so much of the spirit of brotherly affection as in the Congregational churches.

This voluntary principle is adapted to raise and sustain a high standard of excellence in the Ministry. According to this system every minister must sustain himself in the estimation of a church and parish, by his virtues, his piety, his abilities, his learning, his industry ; the influence he exerts ; or he must fall. Such a system has no place for idle ministers or for wicked ones, none for sinecures or for absenters, none for the proud and domineering, or for the vacillating and cowardly. Its ministers must of necessity be independent men. They have the good opinion of their people to make them so. They have, therefore, less of the fear of man before them than they could have in any other circumstances. Any wise man would set a higher value on the good will of a respectable church and society, as a basis which should enable him to stand firm in rebuking vice and error, than for the salary of the Bishop of London, paid by the king. As a matter of fact, the consciences of wicked men are not so faithfully dealt with by the ministry in any part of the earth as in the Congregational churches of New England. The reason is that the ministers are the friends of the people, and the people the friends of the ministers ; and faithful are the wounds of a friend. On the subject of the tendency of Congregationalism to raise and sustain an efficient ministry, the institutions of Harvard and Yale, and Andover, with their younger sisters, and the noble band of truth-bearing successors to the Apostles whom they have sent forth, are living epistles, known and

read of all men. Such are the outworkings of the voluntary system, in its influence on the ministry.

The system is not less beneficial in its tendency to raise up intelligent members of the churches. No one, according to our views and principles, becomes a true believer without the vigorous exercise of his reasoning powers. A mere traditional or historical faith is estimated as of little value. That the church holds this or that to be true is no sufficient reason for his believing it. Every one is required to give a reason, and an intelligent one, for his belief in the being of God, in the inspiration of the Scriptures, and in the several doctrines held by the churches. Taking nothing for granted, he is required to plant himself on a basis of evidence on which he can stand alone, unseduced amid the horrors of surrounding apostacy. Until this point is secured we do not consider him a Christian on the voluntary principle.

In the same way we treat every man in regard to his experience of the power of godliness. Professing repentance, he is required to give a reason of the hope that is in him, which shall be intelligent and satisfactory. He must learn to think for himself, before he can be admitted to a church as a voluntary disciple.

Once admitted to the church, he is called to take part in deliberation and action of the most important character. All matters pertaining to the sanctuary and its worship, to doctrines and practice, to the institution and support of the ministry, the reception and discipline of members, are considered and decided in the body of the whole church. No important question is decided by one man, or by three or five, but only by the church. In her are discussed and decided all important questions respecting the efforts of benevolence for the conversion of the world. It is a school of mutual instruction, in which the wisdom of age and experience are imparted to the junior members, and the feebleness of age is strengthened by the ardor and vigor of the young. In regard to the general intelligence of church-members the Congregational system, not only yields to none other, but justly challenges the admiration of all.

The kind of activity to which the Congregational Church calls her members evinces the wisdom and energy of the system. No man is appointed to any service but by the voluntary action of the church, and no man engages in any service in which he is not voluntary. In consequence of these prin-

ciples, few cases occur, in which a church-member renders himself or his cause ridiculous by attempting to do what he cannot do respectably. This principle prevents the encroachment of one upon the province of another, and rules out to a great extent all unreasonable assumptions and prejudices. The machine goes forward with the least possible amount of friction. And if our brethren are less boisterous in their manner of doing good, and less fluent in words, than some others, they yield to none in solid judgment, and permanent life. Our organization secures the greatest amount of good unbalanced by accomplished evil of any known system, a good which resembles the sober hue of massive gold, rather than the splendid dazzlings of a baser metal. Witness the multiplied institutions for the promotion of learning and benevolence, originated and sustained by the congregational brethren of the New England churches. Congregationalism has never been the nursery of pseudo-prophets, or extravagant dreamers, or apostates.

The Congregational system is to be admired for its security against oppression. It was the first institution in the world which effectually secured the rights of the individual. M. De Tocqueville, in his late work on our country, declares that there is a radical deficiency in the political institutions of America, because we have no defence against the arbitrary decisions of the majority. If this sagacious foreigner had studied the constitution of the Congregational Church, which is the true mother church of the country, he would have discovered in her principles and practice respecting councils, a provision which meets the very case of which he complains. No majority in any church can, in any case, inflict a lasting injury on any individual member; because he has the right and the power to appeal to a body of intelligent ministers and laymen, so far as may be, impartial and unbiassed; like a jury undrilled for the occasion, and in every case of palpable wrong can obtain effectual relief. This tribunal is always at hand and can be easily summoned wherever there are churches.

The Congregational system is admirable in its methods of disposing of offences and promoting peace. If a whole church, with or without a Pastor, becomes corrupt in doctrine or practice, the voluntary action of Congregationalists, *in letting them alone*, is the true scriptural remedy, and the

only one that is effectual. Simply to withdraw is the only penalty sanctioned by the Savior, and the only one which never fails in efficiency; because it never awakens sympathy towards the wrong-doer. If offences arise with a minister, or between one man and another, the system of our fathers provides for the disposal of the case in the most quiet way possible. Only a very small circle of the churches can be agitated with the case. The whole land, from side to side, was never made to ring with a case of offence in the hands of intelligent Congregationalists. Their system provides for a speedy decision of all cases of difficulty. It leaves not the individual, nor the community, nor the cause of Christ, under protracted affliction, waiting for the decision of large bodies of men. Our advisory tribunals are far more efficient in securing peace than any others; because, being composed of a small number of select individuals, the public see no such infinitesimal subdivision of responsibility, as to leave the impression that they may have acted from indifference, without thorough investigation, or without good and sufficient reasons. Except the decisions of a jury, there are none on earth which stand so firmly as those of Congregational Councils in their advisory results. Imperfections, and liabilities to wrong decision belong to all things human; but it is claimed that fewer of these are found among Congregationalists than among any other Christians.

The system of our fathers encourages a remarkable freedom in the investigation of truth. It is free from any bigotted attachment to forms and standards. It is a fundamental principle with Congregationalists that no human system is perfect. They hold that the gospel is intended to secure improvement. "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain be brought low, and every rough place shall be made smooth." When digging their deep wells in pursuit of truth, searching for her as for hid treasure, they fear no thundering rebuke from the canons, no withering frown from the rubices, no hampering of their arms or their souls from the forms or standards. When engaged in controversy, if they are defeated and overcome, still the victory is theirs; because the aim of the system is to remove as much error as possible from themselves and others, and establish as much truth as possible. Their joy in the detection of error in themselves far exceeds the shame of having fallen into it. New England ever has been, and while Congregationalism prevails, ever must be, the land of free inquiry,

and unfettered investigation. She has no hope of soon arriving at Hercules' pillars and writing *ne plus ultra* upon her standards.

The Congregational system is remarkable for the facility with which she can consecrate her energy to the conversion of the world. She enjoys a happy disengagedness from matters non-essential. The great prevalence of the principle of common law, or which is the same thing, of common sense, in her constitution, a principle whose author is our Maker, has delivered her from an insane dependence on forms and statutes. On these she employs not her powers of thought, she exhausts not her religious sensibilities. Her rules are definite, because undefined by statute, and left to the unerring guidance of common law. Her constitution, like every other in church or state, in which common law is the predominant element, is mostly unwritten, and must remain so. Her great effort, that for which she devotes her strength, her time, her tears, her prayers, is to secure the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. She wastes not a tear, sheds not a drop of ink, to secure the unity of forms in the bonds of paper. Except so far as is necessary to stand in self-defence, she is ready to harmonize with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, in all the work of faith and labor of love. Standing midway between hierarchial domination and fanatical delusion, when she compasses sea and land, it is not to make proselytes to herself, but to save the souls of men from endless perdition.

Dear Brethren—Permit us to exhort you to stand fast in the good old ways of our Puritan Forefathers. The more fully they are examined the more shining do they appear. Let no man take your crown. Be drawn aside neither to the right hand, nor to the left. And remember your high obligations. It is our deep conviction that if Congregationalists fail to be the holiest men in the world, to abound more abundantly in brotherly love, in peace and quietness, in prayerfulness, in spirituality, and in the consecration of talents and property to the salvation of the world, they are of all men the most criminal, and will have the most fearful account to render up at the last day. Put away every feeling of slothfulness, assail with heavenly weapons every sensation of indifference, gird up the loins of your minds, be sober, and watch unto prayer, "*ready* to distribute, *willing* to communicate," and you will need no panegyrists, and can fear no evil from antagonists.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 29, 1843.	To balance in the Treasury,		$26 69	
" 30, "	To tax received from Worcester Central,		8 00	
Feb 2, 1844.	To tax received from Suffolk North,		8 50	
June 27, "	Received from the several District Associations, as follows:			
	Berkshire Association,		11 00	
	Hampshire,		7 50	
	Hampshire East,		7 50	
	Hampden East,		6 00	
	Hampden West,		6 00	
	Franklin,		8 50	
	Brookfield,		8 00	
	Harmony,		8 50	
	Worcester Central,			
	Worcester North,		5 00	
	Middlesex Union,		8 00	
	Middlesex South,			
	Mendon,		4 50	
	Woburn,		5 00	
	Andover,		4 00	
	Essex North,		10 50	
	Essex South,		9 00	
	Suffolk North,		11 00	
	Suffolk South,		8 50	
	Norfolk,		13 50	
	Taunton,		8 00	
	Old Colony,		6 00	
	Pilgrim,		1 50	
	Brewster,		2 50	
	Vineyard Sound,		4 00	207 19

Contra, Dr.

May 29, 1844.	To postage on several letters,	55	
	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for General Association, for publishing and distributing 1,000 copies of Minutes for 1843,	121 00	
	For other service,	2 00	
	To travelling expenses of Secretary,	7 00	130 55
	Balance in the Treasury,		76 64

THOMAS SNELL, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

B. F. CLARKE,
S. H. PECKHAM, } *Auditors.*

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1844.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	45	105	150	34	10	44	3	8		11	22	8	154
" South,	Stillman Pratt,		7	20	27										
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	65	129	194	32	4	36	1			1	6	6	155
Dalton,	Thomas A. Hall,	June 16, 1841	52	80	132	2	2	4							
Egremont,	John G. Hall,	Oct. 19, 1842	22	51	73	15	5	20		2		2	9	8	50
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	63	140	203	32	2	34	4	4		8	9	17	250
Hinsdale,	S. W. Banister,	June 2, 1841	50	85	135	3	16	19	2	2		4	2	14	200
*Housatonic,	C. B. Boynton,														
Lanesboro',	Mr. Brace,	Stated supply.													
Lee,	William B. Bond,	March 18, 1840	152	242	394	7	4	11	3	10	1	14	3	10	300
Lenox,	Samuel Shepard,	April 30, 1795	122	196	318	61	6	67	3	21		24	14	20	205
New Marlboro', North,	Chester Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1841	48	109	157	2	3	5	3	2		5		4	90
" South,	Samuel Utley,	March 4, 1838	29	54	83	3	3	6	2			2		4	75
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840													
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	70	103	173		1	1	3	4		7		1	150
Pittsfield,	John Todd,	Jan. 16, 1842		About	600	62	21	83					22	29	465
Richmond,	E. L. Clark,	June 20, 1838	30	60	90	2		2							
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	65	145	210	11	6	17	4	5	1	10	2	3	200
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	59	182	241	2	3	5	2	3		5	1	5	275
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clark,	June 15, 1837	85	205	290	46	3	49	2	3		5	9	13	231
" Curtisville,	Vacant,														
Tyringham,	Vacant,														
Washington,	Vacant,				44										
West Stockbridge,	Sidney Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	37	69	106	24	4	28	4	3		7	14		107
" Village,	John Milton,	Jan. 3, 1844	15	22	37	2	1	3	2	3		5			40
Williamstown,	Vacant,														
" South,	I. Tatlock,	Stated supply.													
" College,	John Alden, D. D.														
Windsor,	Mr. Norwood,	Stated supply.													
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.	John Jay Dana,	April 26, 1840	40	74	114	11	8	19	5	1		6	5	5	
New Lebanon, N. Y.	Vacant,														
New Concord, N. Y.	A. L. Crandall,	Stated supply.	46	72	118	41		41	2	1		3		2	50

*Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—W. H. Tyler, T. A. Nash, Pittsfield; N. Sheldon, Stockbridge; R. Pomeroy, Otis.

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Chesterfield,	—— Warner,	June, 1844													
Cummington, 1st,	Samuel D. Darling,	Feb. 17, 1840													
" Village,	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	27	50	77	3	10	13	1	1		2	1	1	150
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	27	40	67	3	3	6	2	1		3	1	1	60
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789													
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	110	171	281	34	7	41	5	3		8	10	11	
Goshen,	Royal Reed,	Oct. 19, 1842	39	77	116	32	2	34	3	1		4	22	10	200
Hatfield,	Henry Neal,														
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	48	70	118	8	4	12	1	6		7	2	7	80
Northampton, 1st,	Charles Wiley,	Nov. 7, 1837													
" Edwards ch.	E. P. Rogers,	May 17, 1843			230			13	5				3	6	130
Norwich,	Ebenezer B. Wright,	Feb. 23, 1842	55	84	139	14	7	21	2	1		3	1	10	100
Plainfield,	William A. Hawley,	July 21, 1843	64	125	189	1	2	3	3	6		9	1	8	200
South Hampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	163	252	415	9	1	10	5	7		12	2	11	
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	47	99	146	16	1	17	4	7		11	7	3	210
Whately, 1st,	Vacant,														
" 2d,	Jonathan N. Judd,	Feb. 12, 1843	32	50	82	2	60	62						4	
Williamsburgh,	M. G. Wheeler,	Oct. 18, 1842													
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	76	121	197	46	3	49	4	16		20	20	10	300

HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infant.	
Amherst, West par.	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	96	192	288	9	10	19	3	11		14			
" North par.	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	57	88	145	9	5	14	5	4		9	4	9	200
" East par.	Pomeroy Belding,	Sept. 14, 1842	71	122	193	8	3	11	5	4		9	1	13	115
" South par.															
" College ch.	Heman Humphrey,														
Belchertown,	G. A. Oviat,	Aug. 29, 1838	197	256	453	12	6	18	6	11	6	23	3	15	450
Enfield,	Robert McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	73	156	229	12	1	13	3	4	2	9	7	2	300
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	100	209	309	23	8	31	2	13		15	6	8	300
Greenwich,	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	45	92	137				3	5		8		6	150
Hadley, 1st par.															
" 2d par.	W. H. Beman,	Sept. 15, 1841	28	55	83	5	2	7	3	2		5	1	4	118
" 3d par.															
South Hadley, 1st par.	J. D. Condit,	July 8, 1835			275	24	6	30	4	10		14	4	22	240
" 2d par.	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	47	87	134	27	5	32	4	4		8	9	7	100
Leverett,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	39	55	94				2	3		5			140
Montague,	J. H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	38	72	110				2			2		5	175
Pelham,															
Prescot,	Francis Wood,	Oct. 2, 1839	14	34	48	1		1	1		5	6			75

Without Pastoral Charge.—Eli Moody, William Tyler, Joseph W. Curtis, John Sandford, Roswell Hawkes, Joseph H. Patrick.

HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	40	98	138	14	1	15	3	4		7	3	8	130
Chester,	F. Warriner,	Oct. 27, 1841	81	105	186	12		12		3		3	5	5	100
Granville,	T. M. Cooley,	Feb. 3, 1793	37	90	127	2		2	1	6		7	1	4	125
" West,	C. Foot,	Sept. 1, 1841	38	61	99	11	4	15	2	1		3			108
Montgomery,	Erastus Clapp,	Stated supply.	15	50	65										40
Russell,	Vacant,				15										
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838					1	1	2	3		5	3		75
Tolland,	Alonzo Sanderson,	July 12, 1843	18	39	57	4		4					3		55
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June 1, 1836	126	307	433	14	15	29	12	19		31	9	6	350
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	99	186	285	8	1	9	3	18	1	22	6	8	300
" Ireland,	G. Dana,	Feb. 24, 1841	28	64	92	5	6	11	4	4	4	12	2	4	120
" Agawam,	Ralph Perry,	Jan. 3, 1844	42	74	116				1	3	4	4		2	80
" Feeding Hills,	D. Williams,	June 30, 1841	29	61	90		3	3	3	3	1	7		7	60
Total, 13	13														

Without Pastoral Charge.—Roger Harrison, Harper Boies, Hervey Smith.

HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Longmeadow,	Samuel Wolcott,	Aug. 30, 1843	71	127	198		4	4	3	6		9		2	160
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	43	85	128		1	1	4	1		5		2	110
Ludlow,	I. W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	70	110	180	10	2	12	2	2		4			150
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806													
	S. C. Burlett,	Aug. 2, 1843	159	246	405		7	7	8	15		23		9	350
Springfield,	Samuel Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1819	117	291	408	11	12	23	8	5	1	14	6	15	245
" Chickopee,	E. B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	40	64	104	24	1	25	3	1		4	14	4	120
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	62	116	178	11	12	23	4	2		6	3	5	250
" Chickopee Falls,	F. A. Burton,	Sept. 13, 1843	62	98	160	1	26	27	1	13		14	1	7	180
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	69	185	254	21	33	54		18	1	19	16	9	200
" South ch.	Noah Porter,	Jan. 12, 1843	30	54	84	3	33	36	1	4		5	1	5	120
Wilbraham,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	77	121	198	1	2	3	1	2	1	4	1	2	175
" South,	J. A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	27	59	86				3	1		4		2	100
Total, 12	13		727	1556	2383	82	133	215	38	70	3	111	42	62	2160

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clark,	June 11, 1840	89	153	242	9	6	15	4	9		13	2	3	95
Bernardston,	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	44	68	112	2	2	4	2	2		4	1	4	150
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	73	124	197	7	1	8	2	7		9	4	3	250
Charlemont,	John D. Smith,	Nov. 20, 1839	52	99	151	3	3	6	1			1		3	200
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	15	46	61				3	2		5		1	85
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	114	202	316	65	10	75	5	12		17	27	14	250
Deerfield, North,	Henry Seymour,	March 1, 1843	20	42	62		1	1	3	1	1	5		1	90
" South,	*William W. Thayer,	Stated supply.	51	88	139	2	3	5	3	12		15		3	180
Erving,	Josiah Tucker,	Nov. 16, 1842	4	13	17	2		2		1		1	1		34
Ervingsville,	Josiah Tucker,	Nov. 16, 1842	12	15	27		4	4	2	1		3		3	40
Gill,	*Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	6	34	40		3	3	1	2		3		1	50
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	11	45	56	2		2					2	1	68
" 2d,	L. L. Langstroth,	Dec. 20, 1843	35	82	117	5	18	23	2	4		6	5	18	80
Hawley, East,	*John Eastman,	Stated supply.	49	81	130		2	2	3	2	2	7		12	100
" West,	Moses Miller,	May 20, 1840	27	39	66	12	3	15	2			2	4	8	95
Heath,	Josiah Fisher,	Sept. 7, 1842	54	113	167	3	3	6	4	1		5		5	150
New Salem,	Vacant,		14	32	46				1			1			40
Northfield,	Vacant,		20	29	49				4	4		8			60
Orange, North,	Vacant,		3	8	11	11		11					2		15
Rowe,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Stated supply.	12	25	37	2		2	1	3		4		1	64
Shelburne,	T. Packard,	Feb. 20, 1799													
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	62	102	164	6	1	7	3	4	1	8	1	1	300
Sunderland,	Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	78	115	193	19	6	25	4	5		9	2	4	300
Shutesbury,	*Lot B. Sullivan,	Stated supply.	16	42	58		1	1	1			1			60
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	16	36	52	8		8	2	4		6		7	122
Wendell,	Vacant,		29	73	102	21	2	23	2			2	8	3	145
Total, 25	22		906	1706	2612	179	69	248	55	76	4	135	59	96	3023

* Not members of the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Salmon Bennett, William Riddle, Samuel Ware, and Erastus Curtis.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Brimfield,	George C. Partridge,	Feb. 9, 1842	80	173	253	11	6	17	4	7		11	3	2	
Brookfield, South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801													
" West,	Lyman Whiting,		27	77	104	7		7	3	1		4		5	125
Charlton,	Vacant,				265										
*Dudley,	Vacant,														
*Hardwick,															
Holland,	J. Sanford,	Stated supply.	23	46	69				1						60
New Braintree,	John Fiske,	Oct. 6, 1796	49	113	162	11		11	4	4	1	9	3	3	
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell,	June 29, 1798	83	158	241	9	9	18	6	3		9	6	13	330
Oakham,	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	87	172	259	27	9	36	2	4		6	13	5	350
Palmer,	M K. Cross,		52	123	175	5	6	11	4	8		12	1	6	
Southbridge,	E. Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	62	122	184	13	5	21	7	7		14	8	3	250
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	28	98	126	5	2	7	4	3	1	8	4	4	150
*Storrsville,															
Sturbridge,	D. R. Austin,	May 12, 1839	108	232	340	1	3	4	7	8		15	1	5	
Ware, East,	Nahum Gale,	June 22, 1842	66	156	222	16	27	43	3	13		16	9	5	
" West,	D. N. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	47	107	154	9	10	19	3	6		9	6	7	160
Warren,	George Trask,				184				4	3		7	8	12	270
Total, 18	14		712	1577	2259	107	80	187	53	67	2	120	61	73	1695

* Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—H. B. Holmes and Mr. Nichols.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Douglas, 1st ch.	John W. Salter,	June 7, 1843	35	80	115	16	4	20	1	9	1	11	11		130
" 2d ch.	Chauncey D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	49	106	155	4	8	12		12		12	1	18	260
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	110	184	294	6	9	15	1	7		8	1	6	400
Hopkinton,	John C. Webster,	Dec. 9, 1838	62	136	198	4	3	7	6		1	7	1	12	225
Mendon, Blackstone,	Michael Burdett,	May 5, 1841	25	40	65	6	8	14		5		5	3	5	225
" Millville,	Willard Holbrook,	Aug. 18, 1841	11	38	49	10	10	20	1			1	8	6	75
Millbury, 1st ch.	Nathaniel Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	48	112	160		1	1	1	8	1	10		2	150
" Grass Hill,	Sidney Holman,	July 1, 1840	29	56	85		7	7	2	2	1	5		2	100
Northbridge,	Elijah Demond,	Stated supply.	35	71	106	13	5	18	3	1		4	5	3	130
" Village,	Lewis F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	26	64	90		3	3		4		4		3	160
Slatersville, R. I.	Timothy A. Taylor,	Jan. 1839	20	64	84	5	6	11	1	6		7	4	5	200
Sutton,	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	74	164	238	5	3	8	5	11	2	18		3	200
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796	75	201	276		4	4	2	3		5		3	350
Uxbridge,	John Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	52	154	206	11	6	17	6	14		20	6	14	306
Webster,	Herbert A. Read,	May 6, 1841	42	66	108	1	11	12	3	5		8		2	125
Westborough,	Charles B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	104	219	323	2	3	5		14		14	2	10	325
Total, 16	16		797	1755	2552	83	91	174	32	101	6	147	42	94	3356

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Holman.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	87	154	241	44	7	51	4	1		5	16	7	175
Barre,	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	64	126	190	4		4		8		8		2	150
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	63	100	163	8	1	9	2	3		5	2	7	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	143	267	410	22	2	24	8	11		19	12	4	350
Hubbardston,	Oliver B. Bidwell,	Dec. 1, 1841	65	136	201	17	4	21	3	6		9	3	10	200
Leicester,	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	76	134	210	4	6	10	8	10		18	1	9	218
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	59	101	160	5	4	9	5	2		7	1	4	150
Northboro',	Addison Houghton,	July 5, 1843	16	65	81		6	6							75
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	100	206	306	10	8	18	2	8	1	11	4	4	275
Paxton,	Wm Phipps, Jr.	Nov. 11, 1840	48	97	145	5	2	7	1	3		4	2	6	190
Princeton,	Willard M. Harding,	May 20, 1840			239	6		6	3	9		12	3	3	200
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818	113	190	303	41	4	45	4	7		11	20	12	300
Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841	106	174	280		5	5	4	5	1	10		3	300
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	69	186	255	9	3	12	3	6	1	10	2	9	350
*Worcester, 1st par.	Rodney A. Miller,	June 7, 1827			361										320
" Calvinistic,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1833	106	226	332	11	18	29	2	5		7	11	9	300
" Union,	Elam Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	157	247	404	1	34	35	4	8		12		6	450
Total, 17	17				4301	187	104	291							4153

*Last year's report.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Samuel Gay, Jonathan Longley, and George Allen, Chaplain of the Hospital.

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17, 1819	52	102	154	2	1	3	5	3		8		3	300
Phillipston,	Alexander Lovell,	Dec. 16, 1835	72	144	216	3	1	4	8	5		13		7	236
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	38	69	107	9	2	11	1	7	5	13	4	4	130
South Royalston,	Samuel H. Peckham,	Dec. 13, 1838	39	55	94	36	4	40			1	1	23		140
Athol,	Richard M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	74	133	207	17	6	23	2	16	10	28	10	4	178
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	28	55	83	3	3	6	4	1		5		9	180
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	116	220	336	8	1	9	7	9	2	18	4	5	296
Gardner,	William B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	63	105	168	9	4	13	3	7		10	6		175
*Ashburnham,	Edwin Jennison,	May 12, 1842	89	162	251	14	3	17	2	17		19	15	5	202
North Winchendon,	A. P. Marvin,	Jan. 10, 1844			78		11	11							140
Total, 10	10		571	1045	1694	101	36	137	32	65	18	115	62	37	1977

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MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Foxborough,	Daniel Poor,	March 11, 1840	34	85	119	19	7	26	2	4		6	12	7	188
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839			163	1	3	4	13	2		15		3	200
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	March 1, 1843	46	122	168	13	23	36	4	4		8	7	16	450
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	22	56	78	4		4	1			1		5	132
Medfield,	Thomas T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	23	60	83		5	5	3	3		6		3	80
Medway, 1st ch.	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 3, 1837	50	133	183	2		2	2	4		6	1	7	130
" 2d ch.	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	49	133	182	2	13	15	4	5		9		8	200
" Village ch.	David Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	36	107	143	8		8	4	3		7	3	2	212
Mendon,	A. H. Reed,	Stated supply.	7	41	48	8	1	9	1	8		9	7	3	50
Milford,	David Long,	May 20, 1801	19	62	81				2	6		8			100
Wrentham, 1st ch.	Elisha Fisk,	June 12, 1799													
	Horace James,	Nov. 1, 1843	60	169	229		5	5	6	4		10		3	311
Total, 11	12				1477	57	57	114	42	43		85	30	56	2053

Without Pastoral Charge.—Calvin Park, D. D. and Charles Simmons. Moses Grosvenor and David R. Barnes, removed from the bounds of the Association.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	100	166	266	5	2	7	3	3		6	5	10	200
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	65	122	187	19	2	21	3	5		8	5	3	200
*Bolton,	Vacant,														
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	22	31	53	1		1	1	1		2		3	50
*Carlisle,	Vacant,														
Dunstable,	L. Brigham,	March 15, 1837	37	79	116		1	1	1			1		1	160
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	118	248	366	78	8	86	5	35†	1	41	30	20	455
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	102	137	239		2	2		5		5		10	225
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	48	117	165		6	6	5	4		9		1	150
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	25	61	86	16	8	24	1	8		9	4	19	119
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	55	108	163	8	3	11	5	2		7	3	6	200
Littleton,	J. C Bryant,	Oct. 28, 1840	20	26	46		5	5		1		1	1	6	60
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	30	67	97	9	5	14	1	3		4	3		150
Pepperell,	D. Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	158	243	401	5	8	13	10	18		28	5	5	300
Stow,	E. P. Dyer,	Sept. 25, 1839	17	47	64	3	2	5	1	2		3	3	3	60
Shirley,	Hope Brown,	Jan. 20, 1830	22	54	76	4	5	9	4			4	1	4	100
*Townsend,	Vacant,														
Westford,	L. Luce,	April 8, 1829	59	117	176	1	2	3	4	7		11	1	3	200
Total, 18	15		878	1623	2501	149	59	208	44	94	1	139	61	84	2627

* Not reported.

† 28 to the Trinitarian church in Fitchburg, recently formed.

Without Pastoral Charge.—P. Smith. Henry Adams, pastor of the church in Berlin, Ms.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Concord,	James Means,	Jan. 8, 1840	17	86	103				2	2	1	5		1	
Framingham,	David Brigham,	Dec. 29, 1836	56	161	217	4	2	6	5	4		9	4	16	216
Dover,	Calvin White,	Stated supply.													
Marlboro',	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	50	123	173	20	5	25		5			1	5	280
Lincoln,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 10, 1833	32	78	110	7	1	8	1	2		3	2	3	130
Needham, West,	Harvey Newcomb,	Oct. 6, 1842	42	82	124	1		1	3	3	1	7	1	5	119
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	50	110	160	4	2	6	4	7		11	2	6	
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	15	49	64	15	6	21	1	1		2	12	1	130
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	66	109	175	10	1	11	1			1	5	2	165
Southboro',	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.													
Unionville,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	29	57	86		3	3	1			1		4	150
Wayland,	J. W. Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841	14	70	84			3	3					2	116
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841		–	175	2	2	4	4	4	2	10		1	121
Total, 13	13														

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	S. H. Emery,	June 30, 1841	62	135	197	2	1	3	4				1	8	
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	14	46	60	6	3	9						3	75
Burlington,															
North Reading,	E. W. Alden,	May 17, 1843	17	44	61	2		2	2			2	1	4	154
Reading,	A. Picket,	Sept. 25, 1833	90	163	253	4		4	3					6	230
Stoneham,	J. Haven,	Feb. 24, 1841	33	87	120	1	7	8	1		1	2		4	200
Tewksbury,	J. Coggin,	Oct. 1806	68	128	196				4			4		4	200
West Cambridge,	F. Houton,	May 17, 1843	12	30	42	2	4	6					2	4	50
Woburn,	J. Bennet,	Jan. 1, 1822	154	286	440	4	5	9	11	8	3	22	2	9	300
* " South,	G. P. Smith,	June 17, 1841	61	90	158				2	5		7			268
Total, 10	9														

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ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	171	353	524	7	10	17	6	5	1	12	5	15	400
" West,	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	72	141	213		3	3	3	1		4		7	300
" North,	Vacant,														
" Chapel,	R. Emerson, D. D.														
Lowell, 1st ch.	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829	120	790	910	20	24	44	4	34		38	7	9	500
* " Appleton-st.	U. C. Burnap,	June 6, 1837			564										
" John-st.	S. W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	116	465	581	10	50	60	5	30	1	36		8	600
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	57	132	189	1	1	2		5		5	1	2	250
North Chelmsford,	Benjamin F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	35	51	86	4	5	9	1	2		3	2		85
Dracut, West,	Joseph Merrill,	April 20, 1842	40	57	97	4	2	6	3			3	2	1	145
" Evan. ch.	Vacant,														
Total, 11	9														

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Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Edwards, D. D., Milton Badger, and J. Page.

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	Henry B. Smith,	Dec. 29, 1842	45	122	167	2		2	9			9	2	5	130
" Mills,	—— Merrill,														
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837													
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836													
" East,	Gardner B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814	80	118	198									4	225
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833													
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797													
	Enoch Pond, Jr.	Dec. 1842													
Haverhill, Centre,	Vacant,														
" North,	David Oliphant,														
" East,	Vacant,														
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831													
Ipswich, 1st par.	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	49	127	176	8	1	9	5	3	2	10	3	6	
" Linebrook par.	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st par.	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 13, 1816													
" Belleville,	John C March,	March 1, 1832													
" Lower Greene,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	60	295	355	1	4	5	5	4	2	11	1	7	175
" Temple-st. ch.	Randolph Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837													
" 1st presb. ch.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835													
Rowley,	John Pike,														
Salisbury, (R. Hill,)	B. Sawyer,														
W. Newbury, E. par.	Vacant,														
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	58	113	171		2	2	7			7		6	100
Total, 23	18														

ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Beverly, Dane-st.	J. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	89	174	263	33		33	13			13			
" Washington-st	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	32	98	130	22	2	24	3	1		4	11	5	136
" North,	J. Foote,	Stated supply.	8	24	32	11	1	12					6	5	40
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 3, 1838	20	46	66	5	3	8					2	10	150
Danvers, 1st ch.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	55	150	205	30	3	33	4	3		7	14	19	250
" 2d ch.	Thomas P. Field,	Oct. 1, 1840				90	5	95	4				35	30	250
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	45	94	139	10		10	4	2		6	7	3	114
Gloucester, Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	27	94	121	6	5	11	1	5		6	3	2	180
" Annisquam par.	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	13	29	42	13	1	14		2		2	5	6	65
" West par.	H. C. Jewett,	Stated supply.	11	35	48		1	1	1	1		2		2	81
Hamilton,	George W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834													
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	41	126	167	18	4	22	9	2		11	10	14	175
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	43	134	177	1	2	3	2	4		6		7	240
Lynnfield,	H. S. Greene,	Dec. 27, 1837	19	31	50		1		1					3	75
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 13, 1839	60	262	322	51	1	52	8	3	2	13	28		283
Marblehead,	M. A. H. Niles,	Aug. 30, 1837	88	279	367	68		68	9	2		11	9	38	300
Middleton,	Forrest Jefferds,	May 2, 1832	52	97	149	2		2		2	2	4		8	130
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	160	219	389	80	2	82	6	5		11	22	24	364
Salem, Crombie-st.	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	49	172	221	24	1	25	3	4		7	20	13	150
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840	59	121	180	51	6	57					23	7	
" South,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805													
" Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	93	362	455	39	8	47	5	14	2	21	21	12	400
Saugus,	Theop. P. Sawin,	March 19, 1843	5	14	19	1		1	1			1		2	75
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	59	116	175	2		2	3	5		8	1	6	180
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	58	83	141	12		12	3	2		5	8	12	207

SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Boston, Green-st.	William Jenks, D. D.	Oct. 25, 1826	49	207	256	9	1	10		11		11	1	7	105
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	101	400	501	5	9	14	8	13		21	1	9	150
" Bowdoin-st.	Hubbard Winslow,	Sept. 1832													
" Central,	William M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	177	315	492	14	25	39	5	12		17	5	22	340
" Salem-st.	Joseph H. Towne,	June 2, 1837													
" Garden-st.	William R. Chapman,	Sept. 8, 1841	39	97	136	9	13	22	5	12	3	20	4	9	90
Cambridge, 1st ch.	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835													
Cambridgeport,	William A. Stearns,	Dec. 11, 1831	70	152	222	3	9	12	6	5	2	13	2	10	200
Charlestown, 1st ch.	William I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	60	200	260	2	1	3	5	6		11	1	11	332
" Winthrop,	John Humphrey,	Nov. 29, 1842	87	185	272	10	17	27	3	16		19	5	14	
Medford, 2d cong. ch.	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838													
Malden, Trin. cong. ch.	Chauncey Goodrich,	Aug. 30, 1842	25	70	95				2	1		3			60
Newton, 1st ch.	William Bushnell,	May 23, 1843	46	86	132	5	2	7	4	11	1	16	1	3	123
" 2d ch.	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	35	59	94			6							74
Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838													
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	Isaac P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	58	90	148	12	21	33	2	2		4	8	9	210
East Cambridge,	F. T. Perkins,		8	28	36	3	14	17		4		4		4	60
Total, 18	18														

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Jared Curtis, L. Ives Hoadley, Asa Bullard, Seth Bliss, George C. Beckwith, Dorus Clark, and William M. Cornell.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Pine-st.	Austin Phelps,	March 31, 1842													
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	123	457	580	12	15	27	2	19	1	22	2	3	300
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	172	458	630	7	16	23	1	20		21			
" Mariners' ch.	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835													
" Mt. Vernon ch.	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	73	149	222	47	79	126	1	4		5	6	14	320
S. Boston, Phillips ch.	Wm. W. Patton,	Jan. 18, 1843	86	175	261	7	16	23	2	22	2	26	3	6	180
E. Boston, Maverick c.	Amos A. Phelps,	March 2, 1842	32	54	86										134
Brighton,	John R. Adams,	Feb. 2, 1842	53	109	162	4	8	12	4	1	1	6	3	7	115
Dedham,	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821													
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	A. C. Thompson,	July 27, 1842	70	138	208	6	27	33	1	8		9	3	24	280
" West,	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	20	47	67	4	1	5	1	1		2	3		75
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	34	113	147	1	1	2	2		3	5		2	150
Total, 12	12														

Without Pastoral Charge.—Louis Dwight, David Greene, Joseph S. Clark, Samuel H. Riddell, J. E. Woodbridge, and Sela B. Treat.

Jacob Abbott, S. Lamson, and E. P. Sperry, removed from the bounds of the Association.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Abington, 1st ch.	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	48	70	118	5	4	9	2			2	2	2	166
" 2d ch.	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842	54	102	156	11	1	12	1	1		2	6	9	220
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840	42	65	107				1		2	3		1	166
Braintree, 1st ch.	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	50	143	193		3	3	4		1	5		2	
" South,	Lyman Matthews,	Aug. 4, 1830	22	40	62	2	1	3	1			1	2	11	130
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	74	122	195	2	2	4	2			2	1	2	200
Bridgewater,	Vacant,		30	58	88	2		2	2			2	1		75
Canton,	Wm. B. Hammond,	June 5, 1844	5	16	21	2	2	4						3	60
Cohasset,	Daniel H. Babcock,	June 9, 1842	16	87	103	1	4	5	3			3	1	5	100
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	29	91	120		1	1	2			2		6	80
" 2d ch.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	97	248	345	4		4	8	5		13	3	6	200
" Village,	Daniel Butler,	Oct. 31, 1838	56	141	197	7	4	11	2	3	1	6	3	12	125
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	51	101	152	1	1	2	4	3		7	1	3	166
E. & W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	41	70	111	12		12	3	2	1	6	6	3	175
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	17	59	76	6		6			2	2		20	125
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	12	50	62		1	1	2			2		2	80
Milton,	Samuel W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	56	105	161	4		4	3	14		17	4	5	115
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	97	157	254	1	1	2	2	1		3	2	2	350
" South ch.	Daniel Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	25	33	58				1	2		3		1	120
Quincy,	William Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	20	60	80	1	1	2					1	6	9
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	49	83	132	2	2	4	4	8	2	14	2	2	148
" East,	Wm. A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	58	89	147	24	7	31	2			2	9	12	200
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1842	30	52	82	4	1	5	1			1	2	6	180
Sharon,	Lebbeus R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841	30	75	105	1		1			1	1			100
Stoughton,	Henry Eddy,	Nov. 4, 1840	30	60	90		1	1	3		1	4		2	90
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery, Jr.	Jan. 25, 1838	75	157	232		1	1	4	2	2	8		2	300
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838	22	67	89	4	1	5	8				2	3	170

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Attleboro',	J. Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836				1	8	9	1	2		3		9	300
" West,	J. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	45	79	124										125
Berkley,	C. Chamberlain,	June 8, 1842			110										125
Bridgewater, Scotland	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	8	30	38	2	2	4					2		70
Dighton, North,	*J. H. Bailey,	Jan. 31, 1844	19	40	59	14	1	15					10		
Fall River, 1st ch.	O. Fowler,	July 7, 1831	78	169	247	11	29	40	3	18	1	22	3	9	350
" Central ch.	*S. Washburn,	April 24, 1844	34	69	103	1	17	18		1	1	2			200
Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	12	33	45										80
Middleboro', North,	P. Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	47	103	150										100
" and Taunton par.	J. K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	48	83	131	7	6	13	1	2		3	5	1	100
Norton,	H. Barrows,	Stated supply.	50	83	133	20	7	27		9		9	17	2	
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	71	186	257		10	10		17	3	20		13	350
Raynham,	E. Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	40	107	147	11	1	12		2		2	9		150
Rehoboth, Village,	J. C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	24	58	82										130
Seekonk,	J. O Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	30	105	135	7	7	14	5	2	1	8	7	5	95
Taunton, 1st,	A. Cobb,	April 19, 1815	36	107	143										150
" Trin.	E. Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	78	223	301	15	4	19	4	8		12	8	4	250
" Spring-st.	L. Taylor,	May 10, 1843	31	73	104	7	3	10	1	1	2	4	1		150
Total, 18	18		642	1558	2309	86	96	187	22	62	8	82	62	43	3625

* Not yet connected with the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Thomas Andros, Berkley; John Shaw, Dighton.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
New Bedford, North,	Robert S. Hitchcock,	July 19, 1843	57	288	345		6	6	1	10		11			300
" Trin.	J. A. Roberts,	Nov. 14, 1832	34	76	110	4	3	7					1	2	150
1st ch.	D. C Burt,	July 1, 1835	16	40	56	1		1	1			1		1	90
Fairhaven,	Jacob Roberts,	July 17, 1839			212	3		3	3	1		4			125
" Central,	Wm. Gould,														
	Daniel W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	42	87	129	2	10	12	1	1	2	4	2	9	140
Rochester, Centre,	J. Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	24	83	107				5	5		10			80
" South,	O. Cobb, D. D.	Feb. 5, 1799													
	L. Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1841	19	46	65				2	1		3		3	95
" Mattapoisett,	T. Robbins. D. D.	Oct. 17, 1832	52	97	149				3			3			120
" North,*	Isaac Briggs,	Stated supply.	10	30	40										
Dartmouth,	A. Bigelow,	Aug. 25, 1841	30	80	110				1			1			90
Middleboro',	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	63	191	254	2	2	4	10	2		12	1		100
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Oct 5, 1829	39	105	144	1	16	17	1			1		2	
Total, 12	14				1721										

*Last year's report.

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Dyer, Sylvester Holmes, Thomas B. Smith.

BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	April 22, 1822	40	90	130			3	2			2	2	8	100
Dennis,	Vacant,		7	15	22									2	
" South,	John H. Pettingell,	Dec. 6, 1843	38	82	120	3	2	5	1	1		2	2	14	260
*Harwich,	Vacant,		35	90	125				2			2		6	120
Brewster,	Vacant,		13	60	73			3	2			2			60
Chatham,	Charles Rockwell,	March 27, 1839	28	129	157				4			4		8	130
Orleans,	Jacob White,	Stated supply.	47	141	188			4	7			7	1	4	300
Eastham,	Enoch Pratt,	Stated supply.	18	37	55	7		7					6	2	70
Wellfleet,	John Dodd,	Oct. 8, 1843	88	147	235	47	7	54	5	5	3	13	3	4	175
" South,	H. Van Houten,	Stated supply.	67	95	162	14		14					2		151
*Truro,	—— Eliott,	Stated supply.	51	84	135										210
" *North,	Osborne Myrick,	Stated supply.	30	115	145										73
Provincetown,	L. R. Eastman,	Stated supply.	7	30	37	13	12	25	1			1			50
Total, 13	10		539	1115	1584	84	21	115	24	6	3	33	16	48	1705

* Last year's report.

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class
*Nantucket,	Charles Rich,	May 1844	70	320	390										400
*Edgartown,	John Storrs,	Stated supply.	24	90	114										100
*West Tisbury,	J. Walker,	Stated supply.	14	34	48										
*Chilmark,	Luke A. Spofford,	Feb. 1841			24										
†Holmes Hole,	Wm. Gould,	Stated supply.			16			16							
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooper,	Feb. 22, 1837	85	213	298	24		24	5			5	3	13	360
" North,	A. Cobb,	Stated supply.	31	50	81	5		5	2			2	1	3	60
" East,	James D. Lewis,	Sept. 29, 1842	31	60	91	2	4	6	2	1		3	1	1	75
Sandwich,	Giles Pease,	Stated supply.	58	132	190	5		5	3			3		1	200
Barnstable, West,	Alonzo Hayes,	May 24, 1843	30	61	91	6	1	7	5	3		8	2	5	75
" Centreville ch.	Elisha Bacon,	Stated supply.	34	60	94	11		11	5	1		6	5	1	90
Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1811	3	18	21	3	1	4	1			1			20
Monument,	H. Lucas,	June, 1841	18	50	68	16	3	19	2			2	3	2	40
Yarmouth, South,	Ebenezer Chase,	Jan. 4, 1843	7	63	70	1		1	1			1		1	50
Total, 14	14		405	1151	1596	73	9	82	26	5		31	15	27	1470

* Last year's report. † Not yet connected with the Association.

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Halifax,	Freeman P. Howland,	Dec. 13, 1843	16	31	47	5	1	6					3	6	70
Kingston, 2d cong.	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	26	63	89	2	1	3							80
Plymouth, 2d ch.	John Dwight,	July 28, 1841	62	78	140	2	2	4	2		1	3	2	9	70
" Eel River,	Benjamin Whitmore,	Dec. 21, 1817				6		6	3	3		6	3	6	
" Robinson ch.	Cyrus Mann,		25	85	110	8	4	12	2			2	5	5	109
* " Ch. of Pilgrimage,	Robert B. Hall,	Aug. 23, 1837	36	122	158										130
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1803	42	111	153	1		1	2			2	1		140
Carver,	Jonathan King,														
Total, 8	8														

* Last year's report.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Total,															

Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting, next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transasting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderaror shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject so an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be ad-

mitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be Primaries or Substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.

6. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

7. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

8 The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

9. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts convened at Westminster, in the Congregational Church, June 24th, 1845, at five o'clock, P. M.; and was called to order by Rev. S. S. Smith.

Rev. Aaron Picket was appointed temporary Scribe.

Certificates of membership were read; and it appeared that the following persons were regularly appointed delegates to the Association:

Berkshire Association,	Rev. John J. Dana,
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Wm. A. Hawley, Rev. John H. Bisbee.
Hampshire East Asso.	Rev. James Bates, Rev. W. H. ———.
Hampden West Asso.	Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D. Rev. Emerson Davis.
Hampden East Asso.	Rev. Noah Porter, Rev. Samuel Wolcott.
Franklin Association,	Rev. L. L. Langstroth.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. John Fisk, D. D. Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Sidney Holman, Rev. H. A. Read.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. Seth Sweetser, Rev. Wm. P. Paine.

Worcester North Asso.	Rev. Solomon Clark, Rev. Edwin Jennison.
Mendon Association,	Rev. David Sandford, Rev. T. T. Richmond.
Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. David Andrews, Rev. C. W. Wood.
Middlesex South Asso.	None.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Aaron Pickett, Rev. J. G. D. Stearns.
Andover Association,	Rev. Benjamin F. Clark, Rev. Joseph Merrill.
Essex North Association,	None.
Essex South Association,	Rev. C. M. Nickels, Rev. Oliver A. Taylor.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. Wm. Bushnell, Rev. Wm. M. Rogers.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. A. C. Thompson, Rev. Wm. W. Patton.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Daniel H. Babcock, Rev. Stephen Bailey.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Orin Fowler, Rev. E. W. Robinson.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. I. W. Putnam, Rev. D. C. Burt.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	None.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Charles Rockwell.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Joseph Peckham.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. H. A. Tracy, Rev. Enoch Sanford.

Ex Officiis.

Minister of Westminster, Rev. S. S. Smith, and Secretary of Association, T. Snell, D. D.

Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Charles Bentley.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. G. W. Campbell.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Bezaleel Smith, and Rev. Jonathan Curtiss.

General Conference of Maine, Rev. G. W. Ellingwood.

General Association of New York, Rev. E. D. Willis.

General Association of Michigan, Rev. H. L. Hammond.

Congregational Union of Canada East, Rev. T. Atkinson.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in United States, Rev. E. P. Humphrey.

Honorary Members.

Delegate to New Hampshire, Rev. R. C. Hatch.
Delegate to New York, Rev. T. D. Southworth.
Delegate to Connecticut, Rev. W. A. Stearns.
By invitation, Rev. H. Humphrey, D. D.

Rev. Orin Fowler was chosen Moderator,—Rev. E. Davis, Scribe, and Rev. Wm. P. Paine, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules were read, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On Elections,—Messrs. J. Bates, D. D., J. Merrill, and W. Bushnell.

Of Arrangements,—Messrs. S. S. Smith, A. Pickett, and Dr. Snell.

On Accounts,—Messrs. E. Sanford and D. C. Burt.

Of Nominations,—Messrs. Hawley, Richmond, and Dr. Snell.

To nominate Delegates,—Messrs. J. Fisk, D. D., T. Snell, D. D., H. A. Tracy, J. H. Bisbee, and D. Sanford.

After prayer by Dr. Fisk, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock. Met according to adjournment. The roll having been called the meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

A Committee to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion was appointed, consisting of Messrs. E. Sanford, Ellingwood, E. P. Humphrey, Sweetser, and Rohinson.

The Committee on Elections reported, that the request from the Congregational Union of Eastern Canada to open a correspondence with this Body be granted, and that Rev. T. Atkinson be received as the delegate from that Body. The report was accepted.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended that Rev. Dr. Humphrey be invited to sit with us as an honorary member, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred, last year, the subject of Pastors' Bible Classes, reported—That they deem it inexpedient to take any special action on the subject at present.

A communication was received from Dr. Edwards, accompanied by a quantity of the Reports of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union.

A communication was received from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, requesting fraternal correspondence.

The Committee to whom was referred, last year, certain questions relative to Ecclesiastical Councils, reported that—Inasmuch as a Manual of Discipline, embracing the subject committed, has been laid before the several District Associations, it is not expedient for them to investigate the subject. The report was adopted.

Messrs. Snell, Rogers, and Bushnell were appointed a Committee to designate the place for holding the next meeting.

Messrs. Putnam, Dana, and W. A. Stearns were appointed a Committee to nominate a second preacher before the Home Missionary Society.

Communications were received from the Mendon and several other Associations, on the subject of American Slavery.

Voted, That the whole subject be referred to a Committee. Messrs. Cooley, Rogers, Sweetser, D. Sanford, and Bisbee were appointed on that Committee.

The Pastoral Address, read by Rev. Mr. Putnam, was adopted, and referred to the Publishing Committee, to be printed with the Minutes.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies made the following report, which was adopted:—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. S. Aiken, } Primaries.
Rev. J. F. Stearns, }

Rev. H. Humphrey, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. J. Bates, D. D. }

To the Constitutional Presbyterian Church.

Rev. S. G. Buckingham, } Primaries.
Rev. E. Smalley, }

Rev. J. D. Condit, } Substitutes.
Rev. Noah Porter. }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. J. Bigelow, } Primaries.
Rev. J. Knight, }

Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. W. A. Hawley, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. J. Q. A. Edgell, } Primaries.
Rev. N. Beach, }

Rev. John Fiske, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D. }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Paul Couch, } Primaries.
Rev. A. Blanchard, }

Rev. J. D. Farnsworth, } Substitutes.
Rev. S. S. Smith, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. W. Holbrook, } Primaries.
Rev. Leander Cobb, }

Rev. A. J. Sessions, } Substitutes.
Rev. Joseph Haven, Jr. }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. S. Nott, Jr. } Primaries.
Rev. C. Rockwell, }

Rev. T. T. Richmond, } Substitutes.
Rev. C. Rich, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. S. W. Bannister, } Primaries.
Rev. L. Luce, }

Rev. E. B. Wright, } Substitutes.
Rev. Parsons Cooke, }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. John Todd, } Primaries.
Rev. A. M. Colton, }

Rev. Joseph Merrill, } Substitutes.
Rev. W. A. Stearns, }

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. J. J. Dana, Primary.
Rev. T. Snell, D. D., Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.

Rev. Orin Fowler, Primary, 1845,
Rev. J. A. Albro, " 1846,
Rev. E. Burgess, D. D., Substitute, 1846.

To the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. Wm. M. Rogers.

Rev. W. A. Stearns called the attention of the Association to the Hymn Book prepared and published under the direction of the General Association of Connecticut, and presented four copies of said book given by that Body, whereupon,

Resolved 1, That the thanks of this Body be presented to the General Association of Connecticut, for four copies of the Psalms and Hymns prepared under their direction.

Resolved 2, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine the book sanctioned by the Connecticut brethren in connection with the books now in use in the churches, and report to this Body next year, what measures it is desirable and possible to adopt for the improvement of our Church Psalmody.

Voted, That the books be placed in the hands of a Committee for examination.

Voted, That H. Humphrey, D. D., Prof. Park, D. D., J. Todd, N. Adams, and W. A. Stearns be that Committee.

S. C. Jackson, Prof. Emerson, and A. Blanchard, of the Andover Association, were appointed to prepare the next Pastoral Address.

The Committee on the slavery question submitted the following Report:

The General Association of Massachusetts, having often and earnestly expressed their abhorrence of slavery, grieving that the system yet exists and is sustained by some Christians and Ecclesiastical Bodies as authorized by the Word of God, do solemnly re-affirm their faith; that the Word of God is utterly opposed to slavery as it exists in these United States, and that as far as the Bible obtains the ascendancy in the conscience and heart of Christians, and of the Church, such Christians must and will separate themselves from all responsible connection with the system, and in the spirit of fraternal fidelity we would earnestly beseech all Christians and Ecclesiastical Bodies connected with that system, to be living examples of the Gospel, and in the light of God's truth carefully to review their opinions and practice, and to do their utmost to free the Church of Christ from the pollution of this guilt.

Resolved, That this expression of opinion be entered on the Minutes of the General Association, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of it to the several Ecclesiastical Bodies with which we are in correspondence.

After some debate, and the moving of the previous question, the report and resolve were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Davis, Aiken and Towne were appointed the Publishing Committee.

In compliance with a request presented by the Suffolk North Association, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report at the next meeting of this Body, what shall be done to secure a due commemoration of the Bi-Centennial of the meeting of the Synod which completed the Cambridge Platform.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, P. M. At two o'clock, the Association met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. P. Humphrey. The afternoon was taken up in attending to the narratives of the state of religion, in the District Associations and in other parts of the country.

In the evening, a Sermon on the subject of Home Missions, was delivered by Rev. J. W. Ward, from 1 Timothy v: 8, and a collection taken amounting to $26,60.

Adjourned.

Thursday, A. M. The Association met at eight o'clock. The roll was called and prayer offered by the Moderator.

Rev. J. A. Albro was appointed second preacher before the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

Rev. Messrs. J. A. Albro, O. Fowler, J. Todd, J. Bates, D. D., and B. B. Edwards, D. D., were appointed a Committee to report, next year, respecting the Bi-Centennial of the meeting of the Synod which completed the Cambridge Platform.

Communications were read from the Worcester North and Suffolk North Associations, requesting this Body to consider the propriety of so far altering their rules as to admit a lay delegation.

Voted, To refer the subject to the following Committee: H. Humphrey, D. D., W. M. Rogers, and J. Fisk, D. D.

A claim was presented for printing a pamphlet on slavery, which was referred to the following Committee: Dr. Bates, Sweetser, Bisbee, Patton, D. Sanford, and Dr. Snell.

Voted, To hear each of the agents of Benevolent Societies ten minutes.

In accordance with this vote, the meeting was addressed by Dr. Storrs for the American Sabbath School Union, J. A. Albro for the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, N. Porter for the Christian Alliance, E. N. Sawtell for the Foreign Evangelical Society, Gov. Pinney for Colonization, T. Atkinson for Home Missions in Canada East, and T. Baldwin for Western Colleges.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the General Association regard with interest the formation of the Christian Alliance between the various denominations of Christians, the objects of which are to promote religious freedom, and to diffuse useful knowledge among the nations of Italy and other Papal countries, and

recommend this Society to the consideration of the ministers and churches of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That this Body commend anew the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society to the confidence of the churches, as peculiarly adapted, by its principles and its sound religious literature, to promote the best interests of our own Schools, and to open a channel through which to disburse, wisely and efficiently, our charities in the aid of destitute Sabbath Schools at the West.

Resolved, That the General Association submit, by the Secretary, to the District Associations, the following question, requesting an answer at their next annual meeting, viz: Shall the basis of organization of the General Association be so modified as to admit of a lay delegation in this Body, equal to the clerical delegation?

The Committee on the claim for printing the pamphlet on slavery, reported in favor of paying it, which after some discussion was adopted.

Adjourned.

Thursday, P. M. The Association met at quarter past one, according to adjournment.

Resolved, That this Association, in view of the great movements in Papal countries, and the blessing of God that has evidently attended the work of the Foreign Evangelical Society in France and other Papal countries, do recommend this Society to the sympathies, the prayers, and charities of the churches within our bounds.

Resolved, That the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, has our cordial approbation, as wisely adapted to the great end which it has in view, and we therefore recommend it to the pastors and churches, within our bounds, to give it a place in their systematic contributions for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

The Auditing Committee reported, that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, found them correctly cast, and $6,22 in the Treasury. They recommended a tax of fifty cents on each of the members of the several Associations for the ensuing year.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Rockwell, of Chatham, text Mal. ii: 7.—The Sacrament of the

Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Humphrey, and J. Curtiss, of New Hampshire.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. S. S. Smith and his people, for the cordial spirit and Christian hospitality, they have shown to this Body during the present meeting, and also, to the Choir for their very acceptable services; and that the Rev. Mr. Smith be requested to communicate the same.

The following recommendation was then made to the churches:

Deeply pained by the almost entire withdrawal of the converting influences of the Holy Spirit, and fully believing that the arm of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear, and that our sins have separated between us and Him, and our iniquities have caused Him to hide his face from us; we hereby recommend to the churches of this Commonwealth, to observe *the last Thursday in September next*, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer.

After singing a hymn, and prayer by Rev. E. Davis, voted to adjourn.

ORIN FOWLER, *Moderator.*
EMERSON DAVIS, *Scribe.*
WM. P. PAINE, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In listening to the statements from the twenty-three District Associations in our connection in this Commonwealth, in which are comprised nearly four hundred Congregational Churches, we hear many things which rejoice, and not a few which pain our hearts. From a great proportion of these churches we hear it said that they are enjoying unusual harmony and peace, that though there are lamentable indications of the special divine presence being withdrawn, yet that they have still the light of God's countenance, and are holding fast the doctrines on which Christ's church is founded. We hear the pleasing statement, that in many places where gross error had been propagated, it had soon been discovered, and avoided; that its propagators had been "tried, and found to be destitute of the truth." We are assured, from almost every quarter, that the cause of temperance is gaining strength, that its happy fruits are realized in every path of life. We are told of the happy progress of Sabbath school instruction, of the commendable use of the ancient Assembly's Shorter Catechism, which never yet has been obsolete, and that a desire for a permanence in the pastoral relation has generally been increasing in our churches, the evils of a frequent change of pastors having been too often realized.

We are told, also, that the interest felt in our churches in behalf of Foreign and Domestic Missions, during the past year, has not been less than it has been in any former year; but that their desires, prayers and efforts to extend the gospel in our country, especially in those parts where error and a

moral dearth prevails, seems to be on the increase. What has been contributed for the infant churches abroad, and the support of the hundreds of domestic missionaries, shows that the churches are not satisfied with doing only as much as they have done. That a good degree of interest is felt in the monthly concert of prayer in most places, is also encouraging. A decided, earnest and deliberate opposition is manifested against slavery in our land, as being abhorrent to the principles of the gospel, and requiring the united efforts of the whole Christian church for its removal. Various other benevolent movements of the day might here be adverted to, as being in a prosperous state, and advancing the general good of the churches.

In the Berkshire Association of about thirty churches, nearly all of them have settled pastors, and among these churches there is a growing attachment to the pastoral office; and the conviction is gaining ground that the frequent change of ministers has an injurious influence both on pastors and people. No general revivals; yet in one place fifty are reported as hopeful converts of the last year. Williams College is in a prosperous condition, and though no special revival now exists in this "cradle of Foreign Missions," the spirit of a Mills and a Hall still lives within her walls.

Hampshire Association of about eighteen churches, report, that though the past year has been remarkable for the suspension of divine influences, upon them, few isolated cases of hopeful conversion are noticed, sufficient to show that God has not wholly forsaken them. Several churches have been called to the painful but needful duty of discipline, and more excommunications have occurred than usual, and yet that more of this work is to be done to remove hindrances to real piety.

Hampshire East Association of eighteen churches, all of which have settled pastors, has been favored with temporal prosperity. The impression has been increasing among them, that each church and each Christian must be more entirely consecrated to Christ, and the work of spreading the gospel over the world.

Amherst College is represented as being in a prosperous condition. Mt. Holyoke Seminary from the beginning has been prospered and the past year there has been several hopeful conversions among its pupils, though not so many as in former years. In the West church in Amherst, a most pleas-

ing revival commenced last February, in which has been manifested the power of God in subduing a number of hardened and sceptical sinners who had long neglected the means of grace. Fifty or sixty souls give evidence of renewal.

Association of Hampden West, in which are fourteen churches, speak of their enjoying a permanent ministry, one pastor having preached fifty years to the same people, and another has sustained the pastoral relation forty-two years to the same church.

Hampshire East Association, twelve churches, are all supplied with pastors, there having been no changes the past year, and are in a state of general peace and harmony. The aspect of things gives occasion for hope and encouragement.

Franklin Association of twenty-five churches, has eleven aided by the Home Missionary Society, in all of which the state of religion the past year has been low, nineteen of these churches having no known instance of hopeful conversion, and the others giving hope of at least eighteen cases of conversion. Had an equal amount of means been employed in some heathen land with no greater apparent success, would it not be a matter both of grief and surprise.

Brookfield Association report, that few additions have been made to their churches, while in most of them there have been removals by dismission, or death, or excommunication, so that the alarming fact appears, that the number of communicants is less than in the preceding year.

In Harmony Association of fifteen pastors of as many churches, fifteen have been added by profession of their faith the past year and fifty-two by letter from sister churches. During the same time, thirty have been dismissed to other churches, and five excommunicated.

In Worcester Central Association of nineteen churches, with eighteen pastors, there has been nothing marked in the condition of the churches. The removals by various causes have exceeded the admissions by fifty-six persons. They have the ordinary but rich blessings of the means of grace, without the greater blessings of the presence of God's converting spirit.

In Worcester North Association, similar indications of much good and some evil are reported. While the word has been preached with the same fulness, earnestness and pungency, but in only a few instances has it proved as the fire and the hammer that breaketh the flinty rock.

In Mendon Association of eleven churches, additions have been made to all except one the past year, yet the number of the members is not increased, owing to removals by death and other means.

In Middlesex Union Association, two new houses of worship have been erected. The churches, eighteen in number, thankfully acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in maintaining them in the love of the truth, and steadfast adherence to it, and in the regular peaceful enjoyment of the means of grace. In Lancaster, the special blessing of God has been manifested, last winter, in awakening Christians to a higher sense of their duty, and also in converting sinners. Thus a church that had been much reduced is enlarged.

Middlesex South Association report, that no church with them has enjoyed any special, but only the ordinary influences of the Holy Spirit, while the usual amount of labor has been performed, and of truth dispensed. They feel that the want of success is their own fault. But the Spirit of God seems to be hovering over them, and the little cloud in the horizon betokens the coming shower. But they state the melancholy fact that removals exceed, by almost one third, the admissions during the year.

Woburn Association of eleven churches, speak of great outward prosperity, of being strengthened in the principles and doctrines of the gospel, and of growing in grace.

In the Andover Association, one congregation only has been blessed with the general outpouring of God's Spirit, in which it is hoped seventy or more were savingly interested. Half this number have united with the South Church in Andover.

Several meeting-houses have been repaired and beautified, one enlarged, and another modernized in style and conveniences. In the City of Lowell, a fourth church has recently been organized.

In Essex South Association of twenty-five churches, embracing nearly 5,000 members, much prosperity continues. All are supplied with regular ministrations of the word, twenty-three of them with pastors.

Other Associations, which it seems unnecessary to designate here particularly, have enjoyed the past year a similar measure of prosperity with those above mentioned. All of them give us cheering proofs of the common blessings of religion, but lament the apathy and lukewarmness existing.

Where pastors have been removed, their places have soon been filled, and the waste places repaired. In East Bridgewater, where their holy and beautiful house was burned with fire, a new, more spacious and elegant one has been harmoniously erected. In New Bedford, a new church edifice is building; while in Taunton, the Spring Street church is offered for sale, and their pastor cannot be sustained.

Thus we have passed round our Zion, glancing at her walls and numbering her palaces.

REPORTS OF FOREIGN BODIES.

Connected with the General Association of New Hampshire, are 170 churches, containing 20,957 members. Revivals have been enjoyed in four churches, but the accessions to the church have been small in number, and more have been removed than have been received. The literary institutions are represented as in a flourishing condition, and the general interests of religion prosperous.

The General Convention of Vermont report 201 churches with ninety-six settled ministers and forty-three stated supplies, fifty destitute churches, and forty-one unsettled ministers within their limits. The report says, "More than usual attention has been paid to common schools; our academies are well filled; the two colleges in our State under Congregational influence are both in a flourishing condition." Sabbath school instruction is represented as vigorously carried forward, and the benevolent operations of the church receiving increased regard.

The churches in Maine are united in a General Conference, composed of clerical and lay delegates, which serves as a bond of union and a medium of Christian sympathy throughout that extended State. In connection with that body are 211 churches, 140 pastors and stated supplies, and between eighteen and nineteen thousand members. The churches are enjoying great peace, though there have been a smaller number of revivals than in previous years. The benevolent objects of the day are comparatively well sustained. The academies are in a flourishing condition, and in Bowdoin College there has been an interesting work of divine grace. The Theological Seminary at Bangor, though somewhat embarrassed for want of funds, retains its able instructors with an increased number of students.

By the report of the Delegate from the General Association in Connecticut, we learn that the churches in that State have enjoyed remarkable harmony. There is visible and increasing fondness for sound doctrinal instruction, and the children in the Sabbath school are trained in the Assembly's Catechism. Eight places, among 240 churches, are reported as having been blessed with revivals.

The General Association in New York has been organized eleven years. It includes ten local associations, embracing about one hundred churches. This body is still in a forming state and subjected to many obstacles. The report expresses the hope that they shall henceforth find themselves fixed upon a more stable foundation. There has been a work of grace in Hamilton College, in which several students were renewed.

With the General Association of Michigan are connected from thirty to forty ministers. There are a larger number of Congregational churches, but all are not connected with the Association. Many of these churches are feeble, and are unable to sustain of themselves the ordinances of the gospel. In several places there have been interesting revivals of religion.

The Congregational Union of Canada East reports many encouraging circumstances in respect to the progress of the gospel within its bounds. New churches are organized from time to time, and new and pressing demands are arising for laborers in the work of God. This is the youngest of the sisterhood of churches. She has eighteen ministers, and twenty churches organized within the last fifteen years.

The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, recently in session at Cincinnati, reports the number of ordained ministers in that connection to be not less than 1,500, the number of churches not less than 2,000, and the number of communicants about 170,000. The Boards of Education, Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions, and Publication, are in a flourishing condition.

It is evident that the reports come not from the midst of revivals. The pastors, who bring them, have little to say to cheer and gladden the hearts of those who are mourning over the spiritual apathy which so generally prevails among the churches of our Commonwealth and our entire country. None appears to be at all satisfied with the present state of peace and harmony which most of the churches are enjoying.

With great uniformity and interest, the ministers of these churches have testified to the harmony and love existing among them. The Lord Jesus Christ has been smiling on them, in regard to their outward prosperity. But with all this peace, and outward prosperity, is it quite certain, that the churches in our connection are enjoying that spiritual prosperity which is most desirable? The hand of the Lord is to be acknowledged in what is now granted. Because the churches are at peace, are they all advancing in holiness? Is it not to be feared that the opposite is the case, and that some are in the peace of apathy, and settled down upon their lees, while they still appear kind and approve a faithful ministry.

Perhaps there has never been such a report given, as at the present,—of churches walking in order and harmony, many congregations increasing, and yet few revivals, and the deaths and dismissions from churches exceeding the additions. What will become of the churches if they continue in their present and no more prosperous condition? There have been but about ten revivals in the 400 churches of Massachusetts. Such a spiritual consuming drought gives just cause of alarm, lest it should continue. What is more to be deprecated than the withdrawment of the divine influences. While we believe there is a God in heaven, who hears prayer, we may well inquire whether we rely upon his promises, and what, under our present responsibilities, are the duties devolving upon us. We hope that, under these views, another year will prepare very different reports on the state of religion, not only those of peace and love, among the churches, but of souls renewed and sins forgiven.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of Massachusetts to the Churches in their Ecclesiastical connection :—

Beloved Brethren,—

In accordance with one of our standing Rules, you have for many years been addressed by those who have successively constituted our Body, on various subjects relating to your Christian welfare as individuals and as churches. The Rule here referred to, provides for "an annual Pastoral Address to excite the attention of ministers and Christians to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion."

In addressing you at the present time, we could hardly perform a better service than to call your attention to the excellent Christian counsel, which has been given you by our brethren in former years. Their several addresses embrace a great variety of subjects, which all will acknowledge should be studied and prayed over and acted upon in our churches.

But we are ready to ask, have these pastoral addresses received that practical attention which their importance demands? Have our ministerial brethren from time to time laid them before their respective churches? Have they there been made a subject of prayerful consideration and correspondent action? We would fain cherish the hope that it has been so. But apprehending, that to some extent, it may

have been otherwise, we would affectionately and earnestly appeal to our brethren in the ministry and to the churches, on the importance of giving their attention to these and kindred subjects, as they have been presented on former occasions.

In selecting a subject on which to address you, the present year, we have endeavored to look at the actual condition of the churches and congregations in our connection. Our hearts are painfully affected by the solemn consideration that there is still a withholding of those converting and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit, which were enjoyed by us a few years since! And in view of this sovereign dealing of the great Head of the Church, we might now proceed to exhort you by deep humiliation and earnest prayer to seek for the return of those *Times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.* But this has been repeatedly done by our brethren in former addresses. While, therefore, we would here remind you of what they have said on this subject; and would renewedly urge upon your attention their various and excellent advice also respecting the acquisition of doctrinal knowledge, the observance of Christian ordinances, and the proper training of children and youth,—we would now call your attention to a view of Christian duty, still more practical and personal,—which is, *The cultivation of the Christian graces and the practice of the Christian virtues.* We would, with all earnestness and prayer, entreat you to consider that *true, practical religion* is indispensably and equally necessary in our churches, on the *one* hand, to show that the members have a true title to acceptance with God, and on the *other*, to honor the gospel of his Son Jesus Christ.

The benevolent design of God, in the religion he has given our world, is to "Purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works,"—to prepare men for heaven by making them holy. No careful reader of the Bible can fail of believing this: and yet some, who really believe it, fall into the error of supposing that because final sanctification is certainly connected with true conversion to God, therefore there needs be but little concern about the Christian's progress in holiness. They are guilty of a practical perversion of the truth, that if the tree is good, the fruit will be good also: and even, sometimes, venture to sin, that grace may abound.

It is painful to reflect that there is this antinomian tendency in the human mind, even when enlightened by Christian truth. And this reflection becomes still more painful when it

is discoverable in a mind, that has begun to feel the power of sanctifying grace. We would not say, that there is any special evidence of such a tendency in our churches at the present time. But the evil in question is one, which we well know has always been found more or less in connection with a belief of the true doctrines of grace. It is an evil which we think should be guarded against in our churches with much jealous care. Sure we are, that we follow apostolic example, when we "affirm, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."

But, before proceeding any further in our address, we would enter our protest against any suspicion, that we are placing too low an estimate either on a belief of the truth, or on the form of church polity, which we have adopted, or on the practical discipline it enjoins. Never were we more ready to assert our belief in that great system of evangelical truth which is contained in the Assembly's Catechism and which is the basis of our ministerial union. Never had we a stronger conviction, that the Congregational form of church government is in strict accordance with the mind of our Saviour and with the teaching and practice of his apostles; and never were we more sensible of the importance of maintaining its discipline. But, at the same time, we feel that we should fail in faithfulness to our divine Master, if we did not, as individual ministers of his gospel, and in our associate capacity, to the utmost extent of our power, urge upon the churches the paramount importance of *personal holiness*.

The religion which we profess contemplates the object of bringing men into conformity to the law and will of God, not only by a belief of the truths of his word, but also by a practical regard for its precepts. If we would be the true disciples of Christ, there must be in our hearts a constant growth of the Christian graces and in our lives a diligent practice of the Christian virtues. What these points of Christian excellence are, we can easily discover by studying the inspired word, where they are inculcated. We cannot open that record of the divine mind without at once perceiving, that God there appeals to us on the importance of humility, meekness, gentleness, patience, peace, brotherly kindness, charity, forgiveness of injuries, submission to his will, and many other congenial affections of the heart—and that he there also appeals to us on the necessity of truth, justice, temperance, purity, and other like positive, practical duties.

It is by a harmonious and happy combination of such Christian excellencies in the temper and life of a professed follower of Jesus Christ, that he is required to manifest the genuineness of his faith.

You see, then, brethren, with what propriety we can appeal to you on the importance of *practical religion.* We do, therefore, make the appeal and urge it by the following considerations.

1. In the first place, no one, even though he be a professor of religion, has any just ground for hoping that he is a real Christian, unless the temper of his mind and the practice of his life unite in showing forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness. What commends itself to our reason on this point is expressly taught in the Scriptures. Our Saviour has himself laid down the principle, which will govern his decision on the final destiny of every one of his professed disciples. His words are never to be forgotten ;—"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils; and in thy name have done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, 'I never knew you; depart from me ye that work iniquity.'"

This solemn declaration is in strict accordance with the various other teachings of the Scriptures on the subject. They show us, that men may go very far in the things of religion and yet fail of being true Christians ;—that they may believe the doctrines of the gospel, may give affecting accounts of their Christian experience, may publicly profess the name of Christ, may even show great zeal in his cause, and yet after all prove to be *mere hypocrites*,—never having from the heart done the will of God, but having been secretly workers of iniquity.

There is something fearful in this view of moral delinquency; and those, who have named the name of Christ, may well be alarmed at the thought, that such delinquency may be found in them at the great day. It ought to stir in them the inquiry, 'Whether they are doers of the word, or hearers only, deceiving themselves?'

2. A second consideration, closely connected with that already mentioned, to show the importance of practical religion, is seen in the fact, that it is inculcated with great frequency and earnestness by the inspired writers.

How striking is the current language of scripture on this subject. "What doth the Lord, thy God, require of thee, saith the prophet, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" A great portion of our Saviour's Sermon on the Mount is employed in enforcing the practical precepts of religion. He prefaces the whole of it by pronouncing a blessing on the poor in spirit, the meek, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, the merciful, the peacemakers, and others of a like temper of mind. He lays down that great rule of conduct so applicable to all men in their various dealings and intercourse with one another. "All things whatsoever ye would, that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

The apostles, in their writings, go on with earnest exhortations to the same effect. Paul closes his Epistle to the Philippians by enjoining upon them a regard for whatsoever things are true, or honest, or just, or lovely, or pure, or of good report. How eloquently does he inculcate upon the Corinthian believers the grace of Christian charity. To the Galatians he says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Most earnestly does he exhort Timothy to follow his example in teaching and practicing the same things. So also do Peter, James and John urge upon the attention of those to whom they wrote like practical views of religion.

It is unnecessary to make further special references to the testimony of the inspired writers: and these are made as mere specimens of the manner in which they treat the subject of practical piety. Not that they ever undervalue the importance of a belief of the great doctrines of religion or a due observance of its ordinances and institutions. Far from this. But when they come to touch upon its practical duties they descend to great particularity and manifest great earnestness. Nor is it to be forgotten, with what solemnity they warn the professed followers of Christ against those sins, which stand opposed to the spirit and precepts of his gospel.

You see then, brethren, in the plain, current language of the Scriptures, a strong consideration in favor of practical religion.

3. But we wish you to consider again, that a practical regard for the spirit and duties of Christianity is essentially necessary to promote and secure the prosperity of our churches.

We are aware, that some may say, what we need above all things is, the out-pouring of the Spirit. True, brethren, *that is what we greatly need;* and it cannot but be the heart's desire of every true Christian and his prayer to God, that he would "*revive us again.*" But the question arises, *How can we be instrumental in obtaining that blessing from the great Head of the Church?* Not merely by contending for the faith once delivered to the saints; nor by pleading with God, however earnestly, in prayer. These things must be done; but there are others, that must not be left undone. We refer to a cherishing of the Christian graces and a practising of the Christian virtues, extensively and uniformly, throughout our churches. And if any one asks, how this is calculated to promote a revival of religion and secure the ultimate prosperity of our churches, We answer: it is our firm persuasion, that without such a prevalence of pure and undefiled religion, our faith and our prayers will avail but little for our spiritual welfare. We believe, that where there is not deep pious feeling in the heart, and correspondent conformity to the law of God in the life, there is not a true preparation for that prayer and that effort, to which God has promised the blessing of his Spirit. It is as true of our churches, as a body, as it is of ourselves individually, that 'if we regard iniquity in our heart the Lord will not hear us.'

Those of us who are ministers, while in rightly dividing the word of truth we do not neglect that preaching which is doctrinal and experimental, must also urge home upon our hearers the necessity of *Christian holiness.* We must not conclude, merely because we preach the great doctrines of the gospel, that our people will carry them out into the practice of their lives. It is necessary for us to dwell often and with earnestness on whatsoever things are true, or honest, or just, or pure, or lovely, or of good report. We must set forth the moral excellence of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness; and thus show our hearers, what are the glorious fruits of the Spirit, in contrast with the dark and appalling works of the flesh. Our churches, too, must be willing to hear us, when we thus urge them to be "doers of the word." They must not consider our discourses legal and uninteresting, because they are didactic and practical: and we would fain have them know, that it is, at least, as great a labor for us to prepare to address them on a Christian grace or a Christian virtue, as on a doctrine, or a warning, or even a promise.

Most especially, brethren, would we exhort you to a cultivation of a spirit of PEACE in the churches. Reflect well on what a prominent place in all their instructions Christ and his apostles have given to this particular subject. James once said, "Whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts, that war in your members?" And we may also ask, whence come *animosities* and *strifes* and *divisions*; and, as a consequence, sometimes, *Councils*, to settle difficulties between churches and their ministers, and between different members of the same church? Come they not from the same source,—the unhallowed passions and affections of the mind? Let meekness, gentleness, brotherly-kindness, and charity take the place of selfishness, pride, obstinacy, and an over-bearing spirit, and many a difficulty would be healed, which must otherwise rend in pieces an individual church, afflict the Christian community around, and grieve the Holy Spirit. And, brethren, the counsel, which we here give to you, we give also to ourselves and to all our brethren in the ministry,—not forgetting that it is written, "the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves,"—"neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

We, therefore, repeat what we have already said: let the spirit of true Christian peace pervade our churches, and coextensive with it let there be the prevalence of brotherly kindness and charity;—let our young members be sober-minded and the older ones seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;—let the influence of a deep practical piety show itself in the hearts and lives of *all*,—and we believe there would then be a preparation for that prayer to God which has the promise of his richest blessing, even the outpouring of his Spirit.

Nor let it be objected, that we are here putting the effect for the cause. We merely plead for purity and piety in our churches, as a means of securing the Divine favor; and in doing this, we are persuaded, that we follow the order which God has established in his word.

4. Finally, brethren, let us urge the subject of practical religion on your attention, by the consideration, that its prevalence among you will redound to the Divine glory.

We cannot doubt, that your hearts will be tenderly affected by a motive like this. You have not forgotten the words of

the Savior; "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." By the public consecration you have made of yourselves to God and his service, you are most solemnly bound to obey his command—that, 'whether you eat or drink or whatsoever you do, you should do all to his glory.' The glory of God is the highest object, for which you are capable of living; and you will glorify Him in proportion as you show forth practically the excellence of that gospel which you profess. If, by manifesting the spirit of Jesus Christ and following his example, you will let the world take knowledge of you, that you have been with Him; if you will adorn the doctrine of God your Savior in all things being holy, because he is holy;—be assured that you will hereby glorify God: and those, who thus honor Him, He will honor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 28, 1844.	To balance in the Treasury,		$76 64
Aug. 7, "	To cash, from Rev. Mr. Smalley,		8 00
June 26, 1845.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows:		
	Berkshire Association,	6 25	
	Hampshire,	4 25	
	Hampshire East,	3 25	
	Hampden East,	3 25	
	Hampden West,	3 00	
	Franklin,	3 50	
	Brookfield,	4 75	
	Harmony,	4 00	
	Worcester Central,	5 50	
	Worcester North,	3 00	
	Middlesex Union,	4 00	
	Middlesex South,		
	Mendon,	3 00	
	Woburn,	2 25	
	Andover,	2 25	
	Essex North,		
	Essex South,	5 75	
	Suffolk North,	5 00	
	Suffolk South,	3 25	
	Norfolk,	7 00	
	Taunton,	3 75	
	Old Colony,	3 25	
	Pilgrim,		
	Brewster,	1 50	
	Vineyard Sound,	2 00	——168 39

Contra, Dr.

June 10, 1845.	To postage on letters,	93	
" 26, "	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for publishing and distributing 1,000 copies of the Minutes of General Asso. for 1844, etc.	122 19	
	To freight on bundle from Windsor,	20	
	To travelling expenses of Secretary,	4 25	
	To freight on two bundles,	50	
	To printing and binding 1,000 copies of the Report on Slavery, deducting for sale of 41 copies,	33 50	——161 57
	Balance in the Treasury,		$6 82

Having examined the Treasurer's accounts, we find them correctly cast, and that there is a balance in the treasury of $6,82.

E. SANFORD, } *Auditors.*
D. C. BURT, }

ABSTRACTS OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The following are the Churches, Pastors, and number of Communicants in the several Associations united in the General Association, as reported at its Session, 1845.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	43	100	143		7	7	4	8	2	14		5	100
" South,	*Stillman Pratt,		5	22	27		6	6	1			1			55
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	65	146	211	4	5	9	5	2		7	4	11	143
Dalton,	Thomas A. Hall,	June 19, 1841													
Egremont,	John G. Hall,	Oct. 19, 1842	22	51	73	1	6	7		7		7			132
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	58	148	206	4	9	13		3	1	4		12	275
Hinsdale,	S. W. Banister,	June 2, 1841	46	80	126		2	2	1	9		10		8	180
Housatonic,	†C. B. Boynton,														
Lanesboro',	E. J. Brace,	Dec. 23, 1844	22	25	47		5	5	1	2		3			92
Lee,	Wm. B. Bond,	March 18, 1840	150	238	388	8	2	10	4	11	1	16	3	21	275
Lenox,	Samuel Shepard, D.D.	April 30, 1795	110	181	291				6	21		27		2	198
Mount Washington,	†Jonathan Lee,	Stated supply.	4	10	14										
New Marlboro', North,	Chester Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1841													
" South,	Samuel Utley,	March 4, 1838	30	57	87	3	1	4		1		1	2	9	85
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840													
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	66	100	166		1	1	1	6	1	8		2	150
Pittsfield,	John Todd,	Jan. 16, 1842													
Richmond,	Eber L. Clark,	Jan. 16, 1838	40	67	107				2			2			60
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832													
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	58	184	242	7	1	8	3	3	2	8	2	11	300
Stockbridge,	Tertius S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	74	101	275	2	11	13	1			1		4	207
" Curtisville,	Ralph Smith,	1844													
South Tyringham,	Samuel Howe,	July 24, 1844	40	70	110	1	2	3	1	2		3			110
Washington,	Vacant.														
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	Sidney Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	37	68	105		1	1	1	1		2			83
" Village,	John Whiton,	Jan. 3, 1844													
Williamstown,	Absalom Peters, D.D.	Nov. 10, 1844			265			3	4	6		10			190
" South,	"	Stated supply.			45				2	3		5			30
Williams College,	Mark Hopkins, D. D.							6		10		10			
Windsor,	Francis Norwood,	Stated supply.													
Austerlitz, N. Y.	John W. Davis,	Feb. 12. 1845	30	65	95	2		2							
Canaan, 4 corn. N. Y.	J. Jay Dana,	April 26, 1840	35	72	107		1	1	3	1		4			70
New Concord, N. Y.	A. L. Crandall,	March 30, 1842													
New Lebanon, N. Y.	Vacant.		28	50	78										60

* Installed June 11, 1845. † Not members of the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—W. H. Tyler, T. A. Nash, Pittsfield; N. Sheldon, Stockbridge; R. Pomeroy, Otis; Dr. Alden.

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chesterfield,	Oliver Warner, Jr.	June 5, 1844	23	64	87				2	3		5			80
Cummington, 1st,	James D. Chapman,	June 12, 1844			95	2	7	9	2	6		8	1	5	120
" Village,	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	30	56	86	2	8	10		1	1	2	2	2	175
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	27	42	69	3	1	4		1		1	3	1	100
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789	98	161	259	1	3	4	9	14	3	26		6	
	Wm. Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833													
*Goshen,	Royal Reed,	Oct. 19, 1842													
*Hatfield,	Henry Neal,														
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	45	64	109		1	1	2	8		10		2	75
Northampton, 1st,	Vacant,														
" Edwards ch.	E. P. Rogers,	May 17, 1843			270										125
Norwich,	E. B. Wright,	Feb. 23, 1842	53	82	135				3	1		4		6	75
Plainfield,	Wm. A. Hawley,	July 21, 1841	59	120	179		5	5	5	9	1	15		3	220
South Hampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832													
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	52	99	151	2	9	11	3	4		7	1	1	
*Whately, 1st,	P. H. Snow,	Stated supply.													
" 2d,	Jonathan N. Judd,	Oct. 12, 1843	47	63	110		28	28	1	1		2		2	
*Williamsburg,	M. G. Wheeler,	Oct. 18, 1842													
Worthington,	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	75	118	193	3	5	8	4	8		12		9	300
Total,								80				92	7	37	1270

* Not reported.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Solomon Lyman, Erastus Clapp.

HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, West par.	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	92	187	279	7	4	11	5	15		20		13	300
" North par.	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	58	89	147	4	8	12	6	4		10	2	5	200
" East par.	Pomeroy Belding,	Sept. 14, 1842	60	122	182	3	3	6	12	6		18	1	10	125
" South par.															
" College ch.															
Belchertown,															
Enfield,	Robert McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	78	161	239	19	2	21	1	3	3	7	11	7	320
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	98	196	294	2	5	7	7	8	1	16		12	275
Greenwich,	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	43	88	131		2	2	4	4		8		2	160
Hadley, 1st par.	Benjamin N. Martin,	Jan. 19, 1843	89	143	232	15		15	1	4		5	4		210
" 2d par.	W. H. Beman,	Sept. 15, 1841	28	55	83	1	2	3	2	1		3		5	100
" 3d par.															
South Hadley, 1st par.	J. D. Condit,	July 8, 1835			245	3	6	9	12	9		21	2	5	200
" 2d par.	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	40	84	124	1	6	7	6	5	8	19		4	150
Leverett,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	37	58	95	4	5	9	3	1		4	2	5	120
Montague,	J. H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	38	76	114	4	1	5	1			1	1	4	200
Pelham,															
Prescot,	Francis Wood,	Oct. 2, 1839	15	35	50	2		2						6	75
Total,								109				132	23	78	2435

Without Pastoral Charge.—Eli Moody, William Tyler, Joseph W. Curtis, John Sandford, Roswell Hawkes, Joseph H. Patrick.

HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	Charles J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	38	99	137		2	2	3			3		6	135
Chester,	Francis Warriner,	Oct. 27, 1841	55	101	156		2	2	1	17		18		3	100
" Factories,	Hubbard Beebe,	Stated supply.	7	13	20										30
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	41	93	134	11	1	12	1	5		6	6	3	160
" West,	Calvin Foot,	Sept. 1, 1841	18	50	68		4	4	6	3	2	11		4	80
Montgomery,	Vacant,		10	29	39				1	1		2		1	30
Russell,	Vacant,				12										
Southwick,	Thomas Fletcher,	Feb. 7, 1838			90										60
Tolland,	Alonzo Sanderson,	July 12, 1843	23	50	73	13	3	16	1			1	9	13	157
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June 1, 1836	108	308	416	3	8	11	10	16	2	28	3	16	280
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	99	181	280	3	5	8	5	9	1	15	2	10	275
" Ireland,	Vacant,		26	62	88	1	2	3	1	5	1	7		4	120
" Agawam,	Ralph Perry,	Jan. 3, 1844	42	74	116										80
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,	June 30, 1841	31	64	95	7	3	10		4	1	5	2	6	60
Total, 14	12				1724			68				96	22	66	1567

HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Longmeadow,	Samuel Wolcott,	Aug. 30, 1843	76	134	210	20	7	27	2	10		12	5	18	165
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	51	93	144	18	2	20	3	1		4	6	5	161
Ludlow,	J. W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	73	112	185	10	7	17	3	3	1	7	2	9	160
Monson,	Alfred Ely, D. D. / Samuel C. Bartlett,	Dec. 17, 1806 / Aug. 2, 1843	147	241	388		5	5	2	12		14		3	240
Springfield,	Samuel Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	117	305	422	43	7	50	7	12		19	15	17	
" Chicopee,	E. B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	31	64	95		2	2	2	6		8		3	100
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	67	130	197	16	12	28	4	6		10	6	4	200
" Chicopee Falls,	F. A. Barton,	Sept. 13, 1843	42	124	166	3	8	11	3	16		19	2	6	200
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	60	180	240	1	15	16	1	10		11		6	200
" South ch.	Noah Porter,	Jan. 12, 1843	56	78	134	25	33	58	1	5	1	7	6	9	130
Wilbraham,	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	73	117	190		2	2		10		10		1	130
" South,	J. A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	26	56	83		1	1	4		4			4	100
Total, 12	13		819	1634	2453	146	101	247	32	91	6	129	42	85	1786

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clark,	June 11, 1840	85	154	239	8		8	7	1		8	1	17	125
Bernardston,	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	45	69	114		7	7		5		5		3	98
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	72	121	193	1	3	4	5	3		8	1	7	225
Charlemont,	*John Tatlock,	Stated supply.	46	85	131		2	2		6		6		5	150
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	16	44	60	1	1	2	2	2		4	1		80
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	109	196	305		11	11	5	17		22		5	241
Deerfield, North,	Henry Seymour,	March 1, 1843	25	52	77		15	15		2		2		1	110
" South,	*Wm. Avery,	Stated supply.	40	76	116		3	3	2	23	1	26		9	100
Erving,	*Wm. Tyler,	Stated supply.	7	15	22	2	3	5					1	1	33
Ervingville,	*Erastus Curtis,	Stated supply.	9	15	24					4		4		5	50
Gill,	*Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	6	33	39					1		1			36
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	11	45	56		2	2	2	1		3			68
" 2d,	L. L. Langstroth,	Dec. 20, 1843	48	99	147	2	7	9	2	8		10	1	2	80
Hawley, East,	*John Eastman,	Stated supply.	48	80	128	2	2	4	4	2		6		6	150
" West,	Moses Miller,	May 20, 1840	24	41	65		1	1	1	2		3		4	100
Heath,	Josiah Fisher,	Sept. 7, 1842	38	91	†129		2	2	3	3		24		3	150
New Salem,	*Erastus Curtis,	Stated supply.	11	29	40	1		1	3			3	1	7	
Northfield,	*Samuel H Peckham,	Stated supply.	15	30	45										78
Orange, North,	*Charles Boyter,	Stated supply.	4	8	12	1		1							20
Rowe,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Stated supply.	12	26	38	2	1	3						2	40
Shelburne,	T. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	59	97	156		1	1	4	6		10		8	250
Shutesbury,	*Lott B. Sullivan,	Stated supply.	17	40	57		1	1			1	1			
Sunderland,	Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	75	108	183	1	8	9	1	16	2	19		18	300
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	16	35	51					1		1		2	122
Wendell,	*Joseph H. Patrick,	Stated supply.	21	44	65				3	10		13			
Total, 25			859	1633	2492	21	70	91	44	113	4	178	6	105	2606

* Not members of the Association. † Eighteen have withdrawn from this church.

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Riddle, Samuel Ware, Salmon Bennett, Charles Russell.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
New Braintree,	John Fiske, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1796	44	109	153		2	2	6	3	3	12		4	
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D.D.	June 27, 1798	80	157	237	3	2	5	5	4		9	2	14	350
South Brookfield,	M. Stone,	March 11, 1801													
	L. Whiting,	Jan. 11, 1840	32	75	107		4	4	1			1		2	150
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	30	92	122	3	2	5	3	7		10	3		200
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1. 1835	61	120	181	1	7	8	5	6		11		9	250
Sturbridge,	D. N. Austin,	May 12, 1839	108	230	338	6	5	11	9	10		19	4	3	250
Holland,	James Sandford,		23	49	72									1	60
Brimfield,	George C. Partridge,	Feb. 9, 1842	73	165	238		1	1	1	7	8	16		6	
Dudley,	Joshua Bates,	March 22, 1843	34	77	111		4	4	2	4		6			175
Charlton,															
West Brookfield,	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 19, 1844			240		7	7	1	10	2	13		3	250
Palmer,	M. K. Cross,	Feb. 2, 1842	50	113	163		3	3	4	11		15		8	150
Storrsville and Dana,	John Keep	April 24, 1845	10	32	42	3		3						1	74
Warren,	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836			191	8	8	16	9			9	3	11	270
Oakham,	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	82	170	250	4	3	7	3	11	2	16	4	6	350
Ware, West,	David N. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	47	103	150	2	4	6	3	6		9		4	190
" Village,	N. Gale,	June 22, 1842	82	177	259	13	35	48	2	9		11	4	14	350
Hardwick,	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	30	60	90		2	2	1	3		4		3	
Total,			786	1729	2974	43	89	133	55	91	15	161	20	89	3069

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Douglass, 1st ch.	John W. Salter,	June 7, 1843	34	78	112				2	1		3		5	140
East Douglass, 2d ch.	Chauncey D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	49	106	155	4	2	6	2	4		6	2	3	285
Grafton,	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	109	178	287	2	4	6	4	7	2	13	1	4	400
Hopkinton,	J. C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	57	127	184	1	3	4	4	2	1	7		13	225
Millbury, 1st,	N. Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	47	111	158		4	4	2	4		6		3	150
" 2d, Grass Hill,	Sidney Holman,	July 1, 1840	27	56	83		2	2	3	1	1	5		2	100
*Mendon, Blackstone,	Michael Burdett,	May 5, 1841	25	40	65										225
" Millville,	Willard Holbrook,	Aug. 18, 1841	11	38	49	1		1	1			1	1		80
*Northbridge,	Wm. Bates,	Stated supply.	35	71	106										130
" Village,	Lewis T. Clark,	June 1, 1842	28	63	91	2	4	6	2	3		5		7	150
Slatersville, R. I.	Timothy A. Taylor,	Jan. 1839	20	68	88	3	5	8	2	2		4	3	3	200
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	72	154	226		1	1	4	8	1	13		3	200
*Upton,	Benjamin Ward,	June 1, 1796	75	201	276										350
Uxbridge,	John Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	53	150	203	2	12	14	4	13		17	2	2	303
Webster,	Vacant,		42	66	108		1	1	1			1		7	125
*Westboro',	Charles B. Kittredge,	Feb. 8, 1837	104	219	323										325
Total, 16	15		788	1726	2514	15	38	53	31	45	5	81	9	52	3388

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Without Pastoral Charge.—David Holman, Douglass; H. A. Read, Webster.

WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	80	147	227		1	1	2	7	1	10		10	150
Barre,	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	66	132	198	9	11	20	3	8	1	12	3	1	120
Berlin,	Henry Adams,	Oct. 25, 1843	35	63	98					1		1		4	170
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	60	94	154				3	6		9		4	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	138	258	396	2	3	5	10	3	2	15	2	2	300
Hubbardston,	Oliver B. Bidwell,	Dec. 1, 1841	60	137	197		2	2	3	3		6		7	175
Lancaster, (Clinton-ville,)	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	19	27	46										80
Leicester,	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	71	129	200	3	4	7	5	12		17	1	7	221
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	59	116	175		1	1	1	3	2	6		4	175
Northboro',	Addison Houghton,	July 5, 1843	13	71	84		3	3	1			1		2	85
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	97	200	297	1	2	3	4	8		12		4	290
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps, Jr.	Nov. 11, 1840	45	98	143	4	1	5	2	5		7		4	190
Princeton,	Vacant.		60	112	172	6	1	7	4	7	1	12		1	150
Rutland,	Josiah Clark,	June 2, 1818	113	190	303		6	6	2	4		6		5	300
Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841	105	179	284		2	2	4	2		6		6	317
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	70	190	260	3	12	15	3	7		10	1	7	350
Worcester, 1st par.	George P. Smith,	March 19, 1845	84	199	283		1	1	4			4			160
" Calvinist,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	109	222	331	2	18	20	3	16	2	21	1	5	300
" Union,	Elam Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	155	250	405	4	25	29	6	11	11	28		1	475
Total, 19	18		1439	2814	4253	34	93	127	60	103	20	183	8	74	4128

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, Chaplain at the Hospital; Rodney A. Miller, Samuel Gay, Jonathan Longley.

WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Royalston,	Ebenezer Perkins,	Feb. 17. 1819	50	105	155				4	3		7			200
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	38	68	106		4	4	2	3		5		3	140
Athol,	Richard M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	74	129	203		3	3	2	4	1	7		7	
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	25	50	75		3	3		5		5		1	150
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	114	212	326	3	3	6	6	6	4	16	1	5	296
Gardner,	Wm. B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	56	94	150		2	2	5		15	20		3	200
Ashburnham,	Edwin Jennison,	May 12, 1842	85	134	219		4	4	4	14	2	20		6	
Winchendon, North,	A. P. Marvin,	Jan. 10, 1844	30	52	82		16	16	1			1			150
Phillipston,	A. E. P. Perkins,	Sept. 18, 1844	71	136	207				2	5	1	8		7	276
Winchendon,	Benjamin Rice,	Stated supply	28	65	93				2	10		12			
South Royalston,	S. D. Darling,	Stated supply.	36	53	89										100
Total, 11	11		607	1098	1705	3	35	38	28	50	23	101	1	32	1512

Without Pastoral Charge.—S. H. Peckham, Westminster.

MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Foxborough,	Daniel J. Poor,	March 11, 1840	33	81	114	2		2	4	3		7	2	5	188
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839			162	2	7	9	5	5		10	1	10	200
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	March 1, 1843	44	127	171	4	10	14	3	4	4	11	1	9	450
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	23	56	79				2			2		6	120
Medfield,	Thomas T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	23	58	81		5	5	2	5		7			80
Medway, 1st,	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	49	131	180	1		1	1	2	1	4		8	130
" 2d,	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	48	130	180	2	7	9	5	6		11		2	200
" Village ch.	D. Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	37	108	145	5	4	9	3	4	1	8	3	7	190
Mendon,	A. H. Reed,	Stated supply.	8	42	50	3		3	1			1	2		60
Milford,	S. B. Goodenow,	Oct. 36, 1844	21	68	89	3	2	5	2			2	2	10	125
Wrentham, 1st,	Elisha Fisk,	Jan. 12, 1799													
" North,	Horace James,	Nov. 1, 1843	60	166	226	4	6	10	5	4	3	12	2	9	365
	Tyler Thatcher,	Stated supply.	10	38	48		1	1	1			1		1	40
Total, 12	13				1545			68				76		67	2148

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Long, Calvin Park, D. D., and Charles Simmons. Moses Grosvenor and David R. Barnes, removed from the bounds of the Association.

MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	99	160	259	3	3	6	8	2	1	11	2	15	200
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	64	121	185	2	2	4	4	1	1	6		4	175
Bolton,	Vacant.														
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	23	29	52				1	1		2		2	55
Carlisle,	—— Thompson,	Stated supply	8	32	40										50
Dunstable,	L. Brigham,	March 15, 1837	37	80	117		2	2	1			1		4	150
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	119	248	367	7	14	21	7	11	1	19	1	8	
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	101	138	239	1	3	4	4			4		5	195
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	113	159	3	3	6	5	7		12	2	7	
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	17	45	62		7	7	2	*28	1	31		4	80
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	49	108	157		11	11		12	1	13		4	200
Littleton,	J. C. Bryant,	Oct. 28, 1840	20	25	45	2	2	4			2	2			60
Lunenburgh,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	30	66	96				1			1		1	140
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	159	238	397	2	3	5	5	4		9	2	10	300
Stow,	E. P. Dyer,	Sept. 25, 1839	18	47	65	1	4	5		3	2	5			
Shirley,	J. P. Humphrey,	Stated supply.	15	42	57		6	6		11		11		2	65
Townsend,	Luther H. Sheldon,	Aug. 1, 1844			333		6	6	4	1	2	7		6	
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	55	107	162	1	4	5	4	7	1	13		1	200
Total, 18	17							92				147		73	

*24 of these to form a new church in Clintonville, Lancaster.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Tetal.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Lincoln,	E. Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	32	77	109	1	1	2	1	2		3		1	145
Concord,	W. L. Mather,	Oct. 30, 1844	18	93	111	3		3		3		3		4	125
Framingham,	J. N. Tarbox,	Nov. 20, 1844	53	147	200	1	3	4		1		1	1	2	150
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841			166	4	3	7	3	5	8	16	1	2	173
Marlboro',	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	47	117	154				2		1	4	1	5	236
Wayland,	J. W. Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841	15	74	89				1			1		2	130
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	49	108	157		3	3	4	8		12	1		
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	13	49	62		2	2		2		2			140
Southboro',	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.	54	93	147			6	2	3		5		2	
West Needham,	Harvey Newcombe,	Oct. 6, 1842	40	83	123	2	1	3	2	1	1	4		4	119
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	67	111	178	3	2	5	2	3		5	3	12	170
Unionville,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	28	57	85	2		2	1	2		3	1	2	150
*Dover,	Vacant.														
Total,			416	1009	1581	16	15	37	18	30	10	59	8	36	1523

* Not reported.

WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Bedford,	S. H. Emery,	June 30, 1841	61	129	190	1	4	5	3	9		12		5	200
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	12	45	57				3						70
Burlington,	N. Richardson,	Stated supply.	22	46	68				3					1	75
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 25, 1833	88	160	248				4	1		5		3	200
" North,	E. W. Allen,	May, 1843	19	50	69		6	6	1	2		3		3	150
" South,	Reuben Emerson,														
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1841	32	85	119				1			1		7	200
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 1806													
West Cambridge,	Francis Horton,	May 17, 1843	13	35	48	2	4	6					1	4	50
Wilmington,	B. M. Fay,	April 25, 1845	25	65	90										
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822	164	291	455	10	8	18	9	8	3	20	6	7	300
* " South,	Vacant,		61	90	158										
Total, 12	11														

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ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	168	368	536	24	8	32	7	7	6	20	5	9	425
" West,	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 1, 1827	73	143	216	5	5	10	4	3		7	2	15	300
* " North,	C. E. Park,	Stated supply.													
* " Chapel ch.	R. Emerson, D. D.														
*Lowell, 1st ch.	Amos Blanchard,	Dec. 25, 1829													
" Appleton-st.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	90	410	500			22	7	20		27			
" John-st.	Stedman W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	120	480	600	7	12	19	6	17	5	28	4	10	500
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839			197	6	8	14	4	2		6	4	3	250
North Chelmsford,	Benjamin F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	38	52	90	1	8	9	3			3		6	100
Dracutt, West,	Joseph Merrill,	April 20, 1842	38	59	97	4	1	5	2	3		5		1	
" Evan. ch.	G. W. Adams,	Dec. 2, 1844			100				2	8	1	11			120
Total,			527	1512	2336	47	42	101	35	60	12	107	15	44	1695

* Not reported.

ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.*

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1844.			Admissions in 1843.			Removals in 1843.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	Henry B. Smith,	Dec. 29, 1842	45	122	167	2		2	9			9	2	5	130
" Mills,	—— Merrill,														
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837													
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836													
" East,	Gardiner B. Perry,	Sept. 28, 1814	80	118	198									4	225
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833													
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797													
	Enoch Pond, Jr.	Dec. 1842													
Haverhill, Centre,	Vacant,														
" North,	David Oliphant,														
" East,	Vacant,														
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831													
Ipswich, 1st par.	David T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	49	127	176	8	1	9	5	3	2	10	3	6	
" Linebrook par.	Vacant,														
Newbury, 1st par.	Leonard Withington,	Oct. 13, 1816													
" Bellville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832													
" Lower Greene,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8. 1819	60	295	355	1	4	5	5	4	2	11	1	7	175
" Temple-st. ch.	Randolph Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837													
" 1st presb. ch.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835													
Rowley,	John Pike,														
Salisbury, (R. Hill,)	B. Sawyer,														
W. Newbury, E. par.	Vacant,														
" West,	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	58	113	171		2	2	7			7			100
Total, 23	18														

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ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Beverly, Dane-st.	J. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	84	168	252		2	2	8		3	11		3	
" Washington-st.	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	31	94	125	2		2	7			7	2	5	
" North,	J. Foote,	Stated supply.	8	24	32									3	73
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	22	48	70		6	6	2			2		3	150
*Danvers, 1st chh.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	55	150	205	30	3	33	4	3		7	14	19	250
" 2d chh.	Thomas P. Field,	Oct. 1, 1840	77	193	270	10	5	15	7			7	4	8	250
" 3d chh.															
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	45	92	137		1		1	2		3		2	185
Gloucester, Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	25	95	120	3	1	4	1	3	1	5	1	2	170
* " Annisquam par.	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	13	29	42	13	1	14		2		2	5	6	65
" West par.	H. C. Jewett,	Stated supply.	12	36	48		2	2						6	
Hamilton,	George W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	53	103	156	9	2	11	5	2		7	3	6	
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	41	126	167	1	1	2	2			2		5	150
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	44	141	185	2	15	17	4	4		8		8	
*Lynnfield,	H. S. Greene,	Dec. 27, 1837	19	31	50		1		1					3	75
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	55	245	300	1		1	11	2	10	23	1	8	290
*Marblehead,	Edward A. Lawrence,	April 23, 1845	88	279	367	68		68	9	2		11	9	38	300
*Middleton,	Richard T. Searle,	May 8, 1845	52	97	149	2		2		2	2	4		8	130
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	158	212	370	1	2	3	9	1	2	12		7	360
Salem, Crombie-st.	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	50	174	224		3	3	3	2		5		2	150
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840			172			10	3	8	2	13	2	16	
" South,	Brown Emerson,	April 24, 1805	73	287	360		3	3	5	2	1	8		12	400
" Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	90	357	447	3	3	6	5	6		11	1	15	
Saugus,	Theop. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	5	15	20	2		2					2	1	80
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	58	114	172	1	2	3	3	4		7		2	160
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26. 1837	57	83	140	2	1	3	2	1	1	4	1	5	210
Total,								212			159				

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SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, { *Green-st. / Garden-st.	William Jenks, D. D. / William R. Chapman,	Oct. 25, 1826 / Sept. 8, 1841	74	250	324	9	14	23	2	3		5	5	7	250
" Old South,	George W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	99	400	499	5	7	12	7	7		14	1	4	145
" Bowdoin-st.															
" Central-st.	Wm. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835	171	294	468	4	25	29	6	38	3	41	2	20	392
" Leyden ch.	Joseph H. Towne,	Feb. 1844			120										
Cambridge, 1st ch.	John A. Albro,														
Cambridgeport,	Wm. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	70	150	220		10	10	4	10	2	16		13	172
East Cambridge,	Frederick T. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1843	11	29	40		8	8	2	2		4	1	3	15
Charlestown, 1st ch.	Wm. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	56	194	250	14	1	15	5	20	3	28	6	6	
" Winthrop,	John Humphrey,	Nov. 29, 1842	84	190	276	3	16	19	4	10		14	3	21	350
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	Isaac P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	64	103	167	5	15	20		3		3	3	17	320
Medford, 2d coug. ch.	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	75	175	250	17	6	23	1	5	1	7	5	11	225
Malden, Trin. cong. ch.	Chauncey Goodrich,	Aug. 30, 1843	25	73	98	3	8	11	1	4		5	2		
Newton, 1st ch.	Wm. Bushnell,	May 23, 1842	46	79	145	2	2	4	1	6	2	9	1	3	120
" 2d ch.	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	35	59	94	1	1	2	1			1			74
Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838													
Total, 16	16				2951	58		164				125		101	1918

*The Green-st. and Garden-st. churches united in July last, and were constituted a new church, taking the name of 'The Messiah Church.'

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Jared Curtis, Asa Bullard, Seth Bliss, George C. Beckwith, Dorus Clark, and William M. Cornell.

SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,		127	458	585	8	10	18	6	7		13	3	17	300
" Park-st.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	167	447	614	2	24	26	9	33		42			
" Salem-st.	E. Beecher, D. D.	March 13, 1844	150	303	453	9	27	36	3	136	2	141	1		334
" Mariners' ch.	Daniel M. Lord,														
" Mt. Vernon c.	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	112	226	338	50	89	139	4	16		20	16	20	296
" Pine-st.	Austin Phelps,	March 31, 1842	108	203	311	3	30	33	5	13		18	1	7	285
S. Boston, Phillips ch.	Wm. W. Patton,		85	173	258	9	14	23	4	11	2	17	5	20	150
E. Boston, Maverick c	Vacant,														
Brighton,	J. R. Adams,	Feb. 2, 1842	49	108	157	1	11	12	2	11		13		5	130
Dedham,	E. Burgess, D. D.		56	190	246	4	3	7	2	6		8		18	250
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	A. C. Thompson,	July 27, 1842	70	134	204		17	17	3	14	4	21		17	200
" West,	C. Marsh,														
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	34	113	147	3	1	4	2	2		4	1	5	150
Total, 13	12														

Without Pastoral Charge.—Louis Dwight, David Greene, Joseph S. Clark. Samuel H. Riddell, J. E. Woodbridge, and Selah B. Treat.

Jacob Abbott, S. Lamson, E. P. Sperry, and Amos A. Phelps, removed from the bounds of the Association.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Abington, 1st ch.	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	49	71	120		2	2						1	165
" 2d ch.	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842													
" 3d ch.	Horace D. Walker,	Feb. 15, 1844	40	76	116	1		1	1			1	1		300
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840													
Braintree, 1st ch.	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	50	143	193		3	3	1	1	1	3		2	175
" South,															
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	75	120	195	2	3	5	3	3		6		7	200
Bridgewater,	*David Brigham,	April 23, 1845	28	51	79				1	2		3			80
Canton,	*Wm. B. Hammond,	June 5, 1844	5	21	26		5	5						3	50
Cohasset,	Daniel H. Babcock,	June 9, 1842	17	89	106	3		3					3	4	100
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	29	89	118		1	1	3			3		3	80
Dorchester, 2d ch.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	97	246	343	2	4	6	2	6		8		16	200
" Village,	*David Dyer,	April 9, 1845	54	140	194		3	3		6		6			125
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	50	85	135				1	6		7			
E. & W. Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4. 1827	41	61	102		2	2	3			3			219
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	55	71				3			3		5	100
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	12	51	63	2		2		1		1		2	80
Milton,	Samuel W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	56	103	159		3	3	5			5		3	120
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835													
" South ch.	Daniel Huntingdon,	Jan. 1, 1840	24	32	56				2			2			120
Quincy,	Wm. Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	21	59	80	1	3	4					1	9	100
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	49	81	130		3	3	3	1	1	5			118
" East,	Wm. A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	56	89	145	2		2	4			4	1	11	200
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1842	32	55		7	1	8					2	10	182
Sharon,	Lebbeus R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841	29	75	87	3		3	2	2		4		5	110
Stoughton,	Vacant,														
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	74	148	222		3	3	3	7	3	13			200
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838	20	65	85				3			3		3	140
Total,			924	2105	3029	23	36	59	40	35	5	80	8	84	3114

*Not yet connected with the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Stephen Bailey, Daniel Thomas, and Ebenezer Gay.

TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Attleboro',	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836	59	161	220	1	6	7	4	2		6	1	4	300
" West,	J. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	45	77	122				1		1	2		1	125
Berkley,	Ebenezer Gay,	Stated supply.	48	83	131	5		5	8			8	3		150
Bridgewater, Scotland	Stetson Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	8	30	38										70
Dighton, North,	—— Brown,		18	40	58	3	4	7	6	1		7	1	4	40
Fall River, 1st chh.	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	76	165	241	1	9	10	4	10	2	16		12	350
" Central ch.	Samuel Washburn,	April 24, 1844	36	70	106		11	11	2	7		9		16	212
*Freetown,	E. W. Robinson,	May 2, 1838	13	33	46	2	2	4		3		3	2	1	50
Middleboro', North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	47	103	150	1		1	1			1			100
" 2d ch. West,	Jesse K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	48	83	131	2		2					2		120
Norton,	Homer Barrows,		47	91	138				2		3	5		1	100
Pawtucket,	Constantine Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	62	185	254	1	5	6	3	6	1	10	1	9	350
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	40	108	148		1	1	3	2		5		1	135
Rehoboth, Village,	John C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	25	60	85	4		4	1			1		2	130
Seekonk,	James O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	30	105	135										100
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	38	107	145		2	2	2			2		11	150
" Trin.	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	74	226	300		7	7	4	10		14		6	270
" Spring-st.	Lathrop Taylor,	May 10, 1843	38	78	116	1	10	11		2		2		8	125
Total,			759	1805	2564	21	57	78	41	43	7	91	10	76	3077

*Vacant, May 1845.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Thomas Andros, Berkley.

OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
New Bedford, North,	Robert S. Hitchcock,	July 19, 1843	55	290	345	7	24	31	2	29		31	3	6	335
* " Trin.	George L. Prentiss,	April 9, 1845	34	76	110										150
" 1st ch	Daniel C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	15	40	55				1			1			80
" Pacific,	Sylvester Holmes,	Dec 4, 1844	20	30	50										100
Fairhaven,	Jacob Roberts,	June 15, 1839			216	1	3	4		3				5	145
" Central,	William Gould,	March 1, 1843													
	Daniel W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	36	83	119	1		1	2	8	1	11		4	140
Rochester, Centre,	Jonathan Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	20	75	95	1		1	4	5		9			80
" South,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	Feb 5, 1799													
	Leander Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1841	19	46	65									3	90
* " Mattapoisett,	Isaiah C. Thatcher,	Dec. 25, 1844	52	97	149										120
* " North,	Isaac Briggs,	Stated supply.	10	30	40										
South Dartmouth,	Andrew Bigelow,	Aug. 25, 1841	30	80	110	2		2	2	5		7	2	2	100
Middleboro', 1st ch.	Israel W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	65	192	257	3	6	9	5	1		6	2		100
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	37	103	140	1		1	5			5	1	4	
Total, 13	15		393	1142	1751	16	33	49	21	51	1	70	8	24	1440

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BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Coggswell,	April 22, 1822	38	82	120				2					6	100
Dennis,	Vacant,		7	15	22										
" South,	J. H. Pettingell,	Dec. 6, 1843	39	84	123	4	6	10	1	2	6	9	1	1	250
Harwich,	Cyrus Stone,	Dec. 18, 1844	33	85	118		4	4	2					4	150
Chatham,	Charles Rockwell,	March 27, 1839	35	132	167	10		10		2		2	8		130
Orleans,	Jacob White,	Stated supply.	47	141	188										300
Eastham,	Enoch Pratt,	Stated supply.	18	37	55										70
Wellfleet,	John Dodd,	Oct. 8, 1843	88	147	235										175
" South,	H. Van Houten,	Stated supply.	67	95	162										151
Truro,	George Goodyear,	Pastor Elect.	45	79	124				1			1		3	140
" North,	Vacant,		8	24	32	3		3							90
Provincetown,	Osborne Myrick,	Stated supply.	8	29	37	2		2	2			2		5	50
Total, 12	10							29				14		19	

VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptis		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
*Nantucket,	Charles Rich,	May 1844	70	320	390										400
*Edgartown,	C. C. Beaman,	Stated supply.	24	90	114										100
*West Tisbury,	J. Walker,	Stated supply.	14	34	48										
*Chilmark,	Luke A. Spofford,	Feb. 1841			24										
*Holmes Hole,	—— Tappan,	Stated supply			16										
Falmouth,	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	83	215	298	5		5	5			3	1	1	300
" North,	A. Cobb,	Stated supply.	31	49	80				1					3	60
" East,	J. D. Lewis,	Sept. 29, 1842	22	28	50	1		1	1		1		1	8	80
*Sandwich,	Giles Pease,	Stated supply.	58	132	190										200
*Monument,	H. Lucas,	June 1841	18	50	68										40
*Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1811	3	18	20										20
Barnstable, West,	Alonzo Hayes,	May 1834	25	50	75	2	2	4	2			2	1	6	75
Centreville,	Elisha Bacon,	Stated supply.	39	64	103	2	1	3	1	1		2	1	19	70
*South Yarmouth,	E. Chase,	June 4, 1843	7	63	70										50
Total,								13				7		37	

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PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1845.			Admissions in 1844.			Removals in 1844.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Carver,	Jonathan King,	——— 1838	40	62	102	3		3	4	2		6	3	9	75
Halifax,	Freeman P. Howland,	Dec. 13, 1843	16	34	50	4		4	1			1	4		70
Kingston,	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	28	59	87	1	1	2	3	1	1	5			75
Marshfield, North,	D. D. Tappan,														
" South,	Seneca White,														
Plymouth, 2d, Ponds,	John Dwight,	July 28, 1841													
" 3d, Pilgrimage,	Robert B. Hall,	Aug. 23, 1837			158					13		13			148
" 4th Eel River,	Benjamin Whitmore,	Dec. 21, 1817	66	117	183	1	1	2		1			1	1	100
" Robinson,	Vacant,		15	78	93	2		2	1			1	2		50
Plympton,	Eiljah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	39	110	149					1	2	3			100
Total,								13				29		10	

Without Pastoral Charge.—Emerson Paine, Halifax.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Total,															

Remarks on the general state of Religion in the Parish.

☞It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transasting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderaror shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. The principles of the connections formed with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in Vermont, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island, are, that this General Association, and each ecclesiastical body connected with it, shall annually appoint, each two Delegates to the other, who shall be ad-

mitted into each body, to the same right of sitting, debating, and voting with their own members respectively.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon, And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be Primaries or Substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.

6. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

7. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

8. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

9. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts convened at Pepperell, in the Congregational Meeting-house, June 23d, 1846, at five o'clock, P. M.; and was called to order by Rev. David Andrews.

Rev. Wm. P. Paine was appointed temporary Scribe.

The following individuals appeared as delegates to the Association, who, excepting those from Worcester Central and Suffolk South Associations, presented official certificates of appointment.

Andover Association,	Rev. Joseph Merrill, Rev. Samuel C. Jackson.
Berkshire Association,	Rev. John Todd, D. D. Rev. Robert Crawford.
Brewster Association,	Rev. H. Van Houten.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D. Rev. Lyman Whiting.
Essex North Association,	Rev. L. F. Dimmick.
Essex South Association,	Rev. C. M. Nickels.
Franklin Association,	Rev. James H. Merrill, Rev. Charles Kendall.
Hampden East Association,	Rev. John Bowers.
Hampden West Association,	Rev. A. Sanderson, Rev. Ralph Perry.

Hampshire Association,	Rev. J. B. Baldwin, Rev. E. P. Rogers.
Hampshire East Asso.	Rev. George Cook, Rev. J. D. Condit.
Harmony Association,	Rev. C. B. Kittredge, Rev. H. A. Tracy.
Mendon Association,	Rev. Thomas T. Richmond, Rev. Elisha Fiske.
Middlesex South Asso.	Rev. Josiah Ballard, Rev. George E. Day.
Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. Charles Packard, Rev. L. H. Sheldon.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. W. A. Peabody, Rev. Wm. Allen.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Leander Cobb.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Freeman P. Howland, Rev. C. S. Porter.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. George W. Blagden.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Samuel H. Riddell.
Taunton Association,	Rev. C. Blodgett, Rev. James O. Barney.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	Rev. John H. Pettingell, Rev. H. B. Hooker.
Woburn Association,	Rev. J. G. D. Stearns.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. Wm. P. Paine, Rev. Horatio Bardwell.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. S. S. Smith, Rev. Wm. B. Stone.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Rev. J. A. Albro.

Ex Officio.

Rev. David Andrews, pastor of the Congregational Church in Pepperell.

Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

General Convention of Vermont, Rev. James Johnson.
Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Thomas Shepard.
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, meeting annually, Rev. B. H. Rice, D. D.
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, meeting triennially, Rev. Wm. B. Lewis.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Wm. Warren.
General Association of Michigan, Rev. L. Shaw.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. John Smith.

Honorary Members.

Delegate to the Congregational Union of Canada, Rev. Orin Fowler.
Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting annually, Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns.
Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting triennially, Rev. S. G. Buckingham.
Delegate to the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Joseph Bennett.
Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Amos Blanchard.

Rev. J. A. Albro was chosen Moderator, Rev. Wm. P. Paine, Scribe, and Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Assistant Scribe.
The Rules of the Association were read, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.
Rev. Messrs. Joseph Merrill, G. W. Blagden, and E. P. Rogers were appointed a Committee on Elections. And Messrs. Fowler, Andrews, and Whiting a Committee of Arrangements.
After prayer by Mr. Fowler, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock.* Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called and the minutes of the preceding day read.
The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.
The Committee appointed last year on Psalmody, reported that it is inexpedient for the Committee to make any recommendation to the General Association on the subject, and asked

to be discharged from any further services in the premises; which, after some discussion, was adopted.

The following visiting brethren were invited to sit as corresponding members:—Rev. A. H. Dumont, of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, N. J., Rev. John Fiske, D. D., of New Braintree, Rev. Milton Badger, D. D., of New York, Rev. Robert Stewart, of Illinois, Rev. Calvin Clark, of Michigan, and Doct. Scudder, of the Ceylon Mission.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. Lyman Whiting was appointed in his place, *pro. tem.*

The subject relating to such a change in this Association as to admit of a lay delegation, submitted to the District Associations last year, was taken up, and after an expression of the opinion of each of the Associations, through the delegates, (which was very generally adverse to the change,) was indefinitely postponed.

The following Committees were appointed:—

To prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion,—Messrs. Blagden, Pettingell, J. F. Stearns, J. G. D. Stearns, Peabody, Johnson, and Rice.

On Accounts,—Messrs. Packard and Condit.

Of Nominations,—Messrs. Bennett, Hooker, and Porter.

To nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies,—Messrs. Todd, Bardwell, Jackson, Blodgett, and J. F. Stearns.

An amendment of the 14th Rule of the Association was proposed by Mr. Fowler, and ordered to be read again tomorrow, which is as follows:—"The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a Committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question."

Dr. Snell and Messrs. Tracy and Whiting were appointed a Committee to report next year a system to be observed in assigning the associational preacher, and the place of meeting.

Rev. E. Smalley was appointed second preacher before the Home Missionary Society.

Reports were made by the following Delegates to Foreign Bodies:—S. Aiken, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting annually; S. G. Buckingham and E. Smalley, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting triennially; J. Knight, to the General Association of Connecticut; J. Bennett, to the General Conference of Maine; and S. W. Bannister to the General Association of New York.

A report was made by the Committee appointed last year in relation to the Bi-Centennial of the meeting of the Synod which completed the Cambridge Platform; which was adopted and made the order of the day for tomorrow morning.

Dr. Nelson and Messrs. Bullard and Smith, of Worcester Central Association, were appointed to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

A communication was received from the General Association of Iowa, requesting a friendly correspondence with this Body, which was referred to a Committee.

A proposition was submitted by the Norfolk Association, relating to the dissolution of this Body, which, after being discussed at considerable length, was indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment. The afternoon was principally occupied in Narratives of the State of Religion in the District Associations, and in various other portions of the country.

A resolution was offered, that the 20th Rule of the Association be so modified as to read thus:—"Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us, are that this Association, and each Body connected with it, shall annually appoint delegates to the other, which shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration."

After prayer by Dr. Bates, adjourned to meet at 8¼ o'clock this evening.

Wednesday evening, 8¼ o'clock. Met according to adjournment.

The annual sermon on the subject of Home Missions was preached by Rev. O. Fowler, a copy of which he was requested to furnish for publication in the National Preacher. A collection was taken amounting to $14,51.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 7½ o'clock.

Thursday morning, 7½ o'clock. Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by the Moderator. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read.

The Moderator and Scribes were appointed the Publishing Committee.

It was voted that the next associational preacher be appointed by the Berkshire Association from their own body.

The Auditing Committee reported, that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, found them correct, and that there is the sum of $11,37 in the Treasury. They recommended that a tax of fifty cents be assessed on each member of the several Associations for the ensuing year, which was adopted.

The report respecting the Bi-Centennial of the completion of the Cambridge Platform, after discussion, was referred to a Committee to be composed of one from each District Association, to report next year, viz :—Rev. Messrs. J. Todd, D. D. of Berkshire, E. P. Rogers of Hampshire, J. D. Condit of Hampshire East, E. Davis of Hampden West, S. Osgood, D. D. of Hampden East, L. L. Langstroth of Franklin, T. Snell, D. D. of Brookfield, J. Orcutt of Harmony, J. Nelson, D. D. of Worcester Central, E. Perkins of Worcester North, E. Fiske of Mendon, D. Phelps of Middlesex Union, E. Newhall of Middlesex South, R. Emerson of Woburn, S. C. Jackson of Andover, J. F. Stearns of Essex North, P. Cook of Essex South, J. A. Albro of Suffolk North, N. Adams of Suffolk South, R. S. Storrs, D. D. of Norfolk, O. Fowler of Taunton, I. W. Putnam of Old Colony, E. Pratt of Brewster, C. Rich of Vineyard Sound, D. D. Tappan of Pilgrim.

The amendments of the 14th and 20th Rules proposed yesterday, were read again and adopted.

The Committee on Elections reported,—"That this Body reciprocate the fraternal regard of the General Congregational Association of Iowa, and most cheerfully accede to their request to open a correspondence with them; which was adopted.

It was voted that the next Annual Meeting be held at Worcester, in the meeting-house of the First Parish.

The Pastoral Address was read by Rev. S. C. Jackson. Voted, that it be adopted and printed with the Minutes.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. G. W. Blagden, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, under the inspection of the Publishing Committee.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies made the following report, which was adopted:—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Annual.)

Rev. H. Humphrey, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. J. Bates, D. D. }

Rev. E. Davis, } Substitutes.
Rev. J. Nelson, D. D. }

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Triennial.)

Rev. J. D. Condit, } Primaries.
Rev. N. Porter, }
Rev. A. Ely, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. A. Peters, D. D. }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. W. A. Hawley, }
Rev. T. J. Clark, } Substitutes.
Rev. T. D. P. Stone, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. J. Fiske, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. T. Snell, D. D. }
Rev. F. Warriner, } Substitutes.
Rev. J. Humphrey, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. J. D. Farnsworth, } Primaries.
Rev. S. S. Smith, }
Rev. James Bates, } Substitutes.
Rev. E. W. Bullard, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. A. J. Sessions, } Primaries.
Rev. J. Haven, Jr. }
Rev. L. L. Langstroth, } Substitutes.
Rev. J. C. Webster, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. T. T. Richmond, } Primaries.
Rev. C. Rich, }
Rev. G. C. Partridge, } Substitutes.
Rev. N. Gale, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. E. B. Wright, } Primaries.
Rev. Parsons Cook, }
Rev. J. G. Hall, } Substitutes.
Rev. M. G. Pratt, }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. J. Merrill, } Primaries.
Rev. W. A. Stearns, }
Rev. L. Sabin, } Substitutes.
Rev. H. James, }

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. D. Phelps, Primary.
Rev. J. F. Stearns, Substitute.

To the General Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. C. M. Nickels.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East, for 1847.

Rev. E. Fiske, Primary.
Rev. G. E. Day, Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. J. Todd, D. D.

Voted, To choose a Committee, consisting of one from each County, to certify the good standing of such ministers as may wish to travel; which was filled as follows:—Rev. Messrs. J. Todd, D. D. of Berkshire, M. E. White of Hampshire, S. G. Clapp of Hampden, A. Carey of Franklin, E. Smalley of Worcester, E. Newhall of Middlesex, S. C. Jackson of Essex, S. Aiken of Suffolk, J. Codman, D. D. of Norfolk, A. Cobb of Bristol, E. Dexter of Plymouth, H. B. Hooker of Barnstable, S. S. Tappan, of Dukes, and C. Rich of Nantucket.

A communication was received from the Worcester North Association, upon slavery, which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Bardwell, Pettingell and Packard, who recommended, that the Association re-affirm the expression made by this Body last year upon this subject.* The report was adopted.

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*"The General Association of Massachusetts, having often and earnestly expressed their abhorrence of slavery, grieving that the system yet existed and is sustained by some Christians and Ecclesiastical Bodies as authorized by the Word of God, do solemnly re-affirm their faith; that the Word of God is utterly opposed to slavery as it exists in these United States, and that, as far as the Bible obtains the ascendency in the conscience and heart of Christians, and of the Church, such Christians must and will separate themselves from all responsible connection with the system; and, in the spirit of fraternal fidelity, we would earnestly beseech all Christians and Ecclesiastical Bodies connected with that system, to be living examples of the Gospel, and in the light of God's truth carefully to review their opinions and practice, and to do their utmost to free the Church of Christ from the pollution of this guilt."—9th page of the printed Minutes of the Association for 1845.

Resolved, That as the disciples of the Prince of Peace, whose spirit is only mercy, we hail with thanksgiving to God the prospective arrangements for the peaceful termination of the Oregon question between this and our Father-land; and we would record our earnest prayer for the speedy and peaceful termination of the difficulties between this and a sister Republic.

Rev. J. S. Clark was appointed to execute the provisions of the 31st Rule of the Association.

The Association was addressed by Rev. W. B. Tappan in behalf of the American Sabbath School Union, Rev. Mr. Riddell in behalf of the American Education Society, Rev. F. Baldwin in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education in the West, Rev. J. Leavitt on Slavery, Rev. G. W. Beckwith in reference to Peace, and Rev. Messrs. Albro and Blagden in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Amos Blanchard of Lowell. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Rice of New Jersey, and Rev. Thomas Shepard of Rhode Island; after which the Assembly was addressed by Rev. Wm. Warren of Maine.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. David Andrews and his people, for the liberal Christian hospitality shown to this Body during the present meeting, and also to the Choir for their very acceptable service; and that the Rev. Mr. Andrews be requested to communicate the same to his people and Choir.

After prayer by the Moderator, voted to adjourn.

JOHN A. ALBRO, *Moderator.*
WM. P. PAINE, *Scribe.*
J. S. CLARK, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE state of religion in the Churches of the Association, though low and discouraging, in some respects, is not without interest in others.

There has never been a time when more seemed to be doing, than is now done, to sustain and give energy to the various benevolent associations within our bounds.

In eighteen, out of the twenty-four Associations, from which reports have been given, this subject of an increasing attention to the benevolent objects of the day, has been distinctly mentioned; and it may perhaps be said with truth, that in all of them it has been implied. Particularly is this the fact, with respect to the contributions in behalf of Foreign and Home Missions. Temperance associations also are frequently mentioned in the reports, and are evidently, in most cases, strenuously encouraged, and their object faithfully promoted, by the various churches; while it is equally clear that, in many cases, the mistakes which have been made by some advocates of the cause, in the means used for its advancement, and in the principles on which they have proceeded, have created much needless embarrassment, and greatly, almost fatally, hindered its progress. We are happy to find that in some of our seminaries of learning, special efforts are making to promote it.

There has, however, been a great dearth of the visible effusions of the influences of the Holy Spirit in our churches during the past year. In a few of the Associations, a revived state of religion is mentioned as having existed, or as being still in progress, in some of the churches and congregations: but

only in a very few of them has there been any marked and extensive revival of religion: while in most of the reports strong expressions of sorrow occur, at the evident want of such seasons of encouragement and joy. At the same time, in nearly all cases, we find there has been a very general, and in most of them, an increased attendance on the public worship of God, and the preaching of his word; and the outward state of the churches is described as prosperous.

We might attempt to assign some possible causes for this state of things; but without attempting this,—we cannot but hope, that in these expressions, so frequently recurring in the reports, of sadness at the want of a more general and marked success of the gospel in bringing men to true repentance and faith in Christ,—we may find now our greatest encouragement. We may reasonably hope, that such sentiments show that our brethren, and we ourselves, begin so to feel our weakness, that we shall go to the only source of strength: and looking unto God, in prayer, through Christ,—for the bestowment of his Holy Spirit,—shall so ask as to receive; and thus this humbled and penitent state, into which the churches shall be brought,—show that this time of spiritual dreariness, has but been like the cold and dampness of winter and spring, preparing the soil, for the fruitfulness of summer, and the joy of the harvest-home. We shall not, at last, regret it, if it but produces so blessed a result. Let us watch and pray that it may be thus.

It is evident that an increasing attention is now paid, in most, if not all our churches, to Sabbath schools, and in the education and catechetical instruction of children. In those Associations, within the bounds of which Colleges and Theological Seminaries exist, it is matter for joy, that our churches highly appreciate the almost unspeakable value of these higher institutions for secular and sacred learning: and it is equally evident, from the frequent mention of the Sabbath school and the Bible class, that there is a growing conviction of the importance of these means of good. While this is true, it is also well worthy of our attention, that from both branches of the Presbyterian Church, with which we are happy in exchanging assurances of Christian confidence, we have heard the fear expressed that even the school of the Sabbath, may make Christian parents too careless of the faithful religious education of children in the family,—that blessed spot, designed by God, for the beginning of all that is spiritually and eternally hopeful in the young mind. We sympathize in this fear, while we agree also in the full expression of confidence in the Sabbath-

school system, with which it is accompanied. We would add to this danger, the tendency of the same cause, if it be not duly guarded, to make Pastors also neglectful of the divine injunction, to feed the lambs of the flock.

The consecration of the Sabbath is awakening attention, and becoming an object of effort, in several Associations. We rejoice in the fact, and would earnestly express the hope that the hallowing of this sacred season may be promoted, in all proper ways.

We have not thought it best, in this account of the state of religion, in the several Associations, of which this Body is composed, to specify particular Associations by name, because the state of things, during the past year, has been so generally the same in all of them, as not to require it. We may, however, say that in Hampshire county, an interesting state of things has existed in Amherst College,—and in the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, while Northampton, the County town, has largely shared in this blessing.

From several of the Associations in other States, we have received reports representing the state of religion, within their bounds, as being the same, substantially, as among ourselves.

We should not do full justice to the accounts received from the various bodies connected with us, without saying that in many of our Associations much interest is taken in the subject of slavery. While many of us differ, perhaps greatly, in our views of the true Scriptural way of speaking and acting on that subject, we can all surely agree in this,—to condemn sin when it exists in any relation of human life; and surely we ought to remember, that the alteration of no *outward* relation whatever can possibly rectify the disorders of the human *heart*.

In closing this account, the Committee by whom it has been prepared, beg leave to exhort their fathers and brethren in the ministry, with every officer and member in our churches, under whose eye it may fall, to unite with them in watchfulness and prayer for the comforting and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit; and in a renewed consecration of ourselves to our blessed Lord, in faithful efforts for the coming of His kingdom, and the doing of his will.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren,—

The pastors constituting the General Association of Massachusetts again present you their annual Address. We would speak upon subjects of a practical nature, suggested by the present state of the churches. It has been said, that "the history of the pulpit, is the history of the church." The Pastoral Addresses of this Association for a hundred years, if appropriate, will disclose the state and character, the conflicts and perils of the churches connected with it, during that century.

The aspects of the churches vary. There are times of agitation and of rest; of advance and of decline; of peculiar trials and of unusual exemption from them. At this time, and for months past, why so few revivals? Why such a general withholding of divine influence? Here is a feature in the present condition of our churches of a special character and of solemn interest. It bears an intimate relation, like that of cause and effect, to a decline in spiritual religion. Whatever elevates or depresses true piety, will tend to remove this spiritual dearth, or to prolong its continuance. It will, therefore, be appropriate to address you upon,

Some of the dangers which threaten the churches, in respect to the devotional and spiritual character of their piety.

We believe that the true, vital spirit of religion is beset, at this day, with special dangers. We fear it has declined in the great body of the churches. Are there not assignable causes for such a decline, now operating, which should awaken our apprehension and which demand our speedy and earnest atten-

tion? We now refer to some of these causes, or to the dangers which beset the spiritual life of Christians.

Danger is to be apprehended,—

I. From an increased tendency to place undue dependence on mere human agencies for advancing true religion.—In the divine economy, human agency is so essential to religious progress, that there has ever been a tendency to exalt means unduly. But in the later history of our churches, special measures of human devising have been so numerous, prominent, and apparently so successful, that there has been an increased disposition to trust in them and to overlook divine efficiency. We fear there is not now that deep and abiding sense of dependence on God, manifesting itself in fervent prayer, and self-abasing humility, which once characterized the better churches of New England. We fear that more reliance is often placed on the person that declares the truth, or on his manner of dispensing it, than on the truth itself, or the influence which makes it effectual;—that there is more trusting in a Paul if he is learned, or in an Apollos if he is eloquent, than in God who gives the increase. Has there not been, even among professors of religion, an increase of a fastidious and critical spirit which refuses to be profited by plain and unpretending, though instructive and just ministrations of the gospel? One class crave that which is stimulating and impassioned, however crude, and are satisfied with that which is novel and exciting, though there is little refinement or instruction. An opposite class demand for their gratification what is tasteful and imaginative, high-wrought and polished, speculative and learned, or acute and philosophical. They are the cultivated, the over-refined, the sentimental, but unspiritual. They look for show and prettiness, for the formal and beautiful in religion, and not for its substance; for the graces of style and manner, and not for the power of God unto salvation. This mistaken and irreligious spirit of refinement probably leads some to forsake the Puritan mode of worship and the scriptural and simple order of Congregationalism, for other modes and orders of more pretension and formality, where more account is made of ranks and honors, of vestments and rites, of the gothic and the ancient, and less of spiritual piety. It reveals a diseased state of the religious affections, and a mind that does not truly discern the things of the Spirit. Such have a false standard, which leads them to undervalue common means and humble instruments, that were once so useful in edifying the church and converting sinners to God. Has there not been a growing tendency to value the

preaching of the word according to its immediate effect to please and excite the hearers? How many have been saying, "Lo, here! Lo, there!"—looking to gifted men and to favorite measures. Amidst the human that is attractive, and perhaps excellent, the divine that is greater is forgotten. Thus God is dishonored. The Spirit is grieved. A self-dependent spirit is fostered, and devotional piety declines. And may we not expect that the Infinite dispenser of grace will continue to chastise us and withhold divine influence, till the measure of his judgment shall be adequate to our correction—till we cease from man, and give honor to Him to whom honor is due.

II. The multifarious movements of charity and philanthropy which characterize our times, may exert an influence unfavorable to the spirituality of the churches.—They are, indeed, the glory of our age, and the fruits of an improved piety. Every Christian will rejoice in them. But in this age of active benevolence, amidst its most useful labors and gifts, there may be a great want of Christian love. Even where a glowing interest is felt in public objects of utility and humanity, there may be extreme selfishness, and violations of true charity. And when so much is done and given in behalf of enterprises of Christian benevolence and of public reform, and when such generous sympathies and warm zeal are awakened in their support, there is the utmost danger that mere natural emotions will pass, even in our churches, for spiritual affections, or the semblances of piety for piety itself. So far as professors of religion are led, by their active charities, to think less of faith in Christ, of repentance for sin, of prayer, of holy living, or of the inward, noiseless, and unpretending exercises of humble piety, they will suffer spiritual decline, and the effect on the churches will be most unhappy. The liberality and utility, the sacrifices, labors, and parade of an outward philanthropy, will take the place of personal holiness. The church will lose more by a decay of her vital energy, than she gains by outward charities. Her piety will be humanity, rather than godliness. It will apparently be more useful, but really less effective for good. She may have a brighter name, and a "name to live," while she is dead; and her increase, like that in the length of a corpse, will be extension without life.

Is there not painful evidence that this effect has already been produced on the piety of some in our churches? They did run well, but have been hindered. They have had some favorite object, which has become not only a matter of benevolent action but of party interest, and they are more ready to

labor for this than for a revival of religion. They will go farther to hear its claims presented, for the hundredth time, than to attend a church prayer-meeting. They have a tongue to speak, and hands to give, and feet to run for this, but none for sustaining any means aiming directly at the edification of the church and the conversion of men to God. How much more ready are some to labor personally and zealously to gain a name to a temperance pledge, or to serve the cause of freedom, than to add to the Lord such as shall be saved? And when success has seemed to crown their efforts at reform, how apt are they to feel complacency, as though they had performed the highest duty of Christian faithfulness and love, when perhaps they have done nothing to effect a radical reformation in the persons reformed. And how many can have overflowing charity towards their associates in reform who deny the faith, while towards their own brethren in Christ who differ from them on matters of party excitement, their charity and patience are in the most stinted measure.

Such are the fruits of the false spirit and misguided action of benevolence. They show the danger of exalting philanthropy, or works of humanity, above that true faith which purifies the heart and works by love. They are evidence that some attach greater importance to beneficent deeds than to the benevolent affections from which they should spring; and more even to the secular principles of reform, than to the living spirit of piety and the vital truths of religion which give to all principles and all measures their highest authority and force. This is a great practical error, and so far as it prevails, it will obscure the lustre and diminish the fruits of Christian piety.

There is danger to the piety of the churches,

III. From the conflicts and agitations in which they have been involved. The few past years have been years of controversy. Exciting topics have agitated and divided the community. There have been heated discussions, reckless innovations, bold assaults on established truth and order, and the formation of parties which have acted with party blindness and zeal. The influence of this state of things has more or less reached the churches.

Differences of judgment among Christians, like offences, must needs come. It is practicable, however, for good men to hold differences and deal with offences without a sacrifice of the Christian spirit. It is practicable, as the example of many has shown, to maintain every true principle and to discharge every duty, and yet be tolerant towards those who honestly differ, and courteous and kind to all.

Not a few of our churches know, by a painful experience, what a severe test of their piety are the conflicts and differences through which they have passed. It has sometimes proved their patience and charity to be sadly deficient. The worst passions of the human heart are nourished amidst contention. The choicest virtues,—humility, meekness, long-suffering, forgiveness, and charity, are weakened and repressed. These graces, as they are most unlike the fruits of an unrenewed nature, are pre-eminently the fruits of the Spirit, and therefore more than others attest the transforming efficacy of the gospel, and constitute Christian piety. So far as these decline, personal religion decays. The Holy Spirit—the spirit of devotion and holiness, forsakes a contending church.

It is of little moment what the occasion of difference is, if it awakens strong feeling, whether a case of discipline, or disaffection with the pastor, or difficulty between brethren, or the introduction of questions and measures on which discordant opinions are held. Unless there be a much larger measure of love and watchfulness than is common, bitter fruits will abound. A faithful pastor may be accused of time-serving, and of sacrificing his duty to his interest. An ardent brother may reproach the more prudent. An over-zealous brother may imagine his knowledge to be equal to his zeal, and wonder at the blindness of another who is wiser than himself. The weak will be more confident than the strongest; the ignorant will not appreciate the most matured wisdom; the excitable, the vain, the forward will dishonor themselves and the church; and all, even the most devout and watchful, will find their graces injured. Attention will be diverted from spiritual objects. Discouragement and the want of religious interest will prevent religious duty. Brethren will magnify unessential points upon which they differ, while the greater matters of the Christian faith upon which they agree will be overlooked. Separated by differences and absorbed in party objects, they forget that they are brethren, and have one Lord and one faith. Ceasing to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, the Spirit is grieved, and devotional piety languishes. How great the responsibility of those who recklessly or wilfully hazard the peace of a church, and throw it into such a furnace of temptation! How seldom will the fiery trial be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ!

There is reason to fear that the devotional piety of the churches will suffer a decline,

IV. From the manner in which it is now common for Christians to employ their Sabbaths. This is the last topic

which our limits allow us to suggest, but we deem it of the utmost importance, and earnestly commend it to the consideration of the churches. We refer not to the ordinary and obvious violations of the Sabbath, but to the manner in which it is sometimes occupied by moral and religious services, in themselves important.

Every duty has its time, and also its proper manner. What is even allowable on the Sabbath, may not be the best thing to be done by him who would become more and more spiritual. And a manner of performing a service that would be highly proper at another time, may be wholly inconsistent with the sanctity of the Sabbath, and with what should be the great purpose of every Christian in sanctifying the day.

Spiritual improvement should obviously be the great end of all religious observances. The Sabbath is God's grand instrumentality for promoting personal holiness. It bears the same relation to the graces of the Spirit, that days of special culture and genial sunshine bear to the flowers and fruits of the earth. The history of vital Christianity shows that the Sabbath has done more for the sanctification of individuals, and consequently of the church at large, than all other means combined. When, therefore, the Sabbath, however usefully spent, is so spent that it fails to advance us in a spiritual course ;—when a day, which the God of the church has consecrated to a devout and spiritual worship, is not spent in such worship, his design is not answered, and the day, however devoted to moral and religious purposes, is perverted and abused.

The subordinate ends of the Sabbath are never to be made paramount. Intellectual improvement, the acquisition of biblical knowledge and religious information, the perusal of missionary intelligence, the formation of religious habits, a correct moral training under the inculcations of divine truth, social and general refinement of manners, the increase of public morality, a rest of the mental and physical powers so essential to their endurance and vigor—these are inferior ends of the Sabbath, and much as they illustrate the divinity of the institution and the goodness and wisdom of Him who ordained it, are to be subservient to the great end of worshipping and serving God in the spirit of holiness. Yet these subordinate benefits of the Sabbath are so valuable in themselves, that Christians are in danger of being content to gain these alone, and of feeling that the day has been duly improved and sufficiently sanctified when such important objects have been promoted. What can be more manifest than that any and all of these inferior ends

may be attained by those who are wholly destitute of spiritual affections, who have no true repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? How evident to a devout Christian that his Sabbaths are misimproved and their highest benefit lost, unless they lead him to commune with God, to do all things to his glory, and thus to grow in grace.

Entertaining such views, we are deeply concerned lest certain habits and practices, now common among us, should hinder the spiritual benefit of the Sabbath, and consequently endanger the devotional piety of the churches. We allude,

1. To overtasking both body and mind with mere intellectual and external duties. Since Sabbath schools were instituted, imposing so much intellectual labor upon the teachers, tempting them to read the Bible intellectually rather than devotionally, and for the benefit of others rather than for their own; and since the spirit of the times has called for so many public meetings to be held on the Sabbath, to promote various moral and religious objects, the labors of the day have become numerous and often burdensome. Such labors and meetings we would by no means condemn without distinction, but we earnestly warn the churches against an evil consequence which may arise—a consequence perhaps not necessary, while the danger of it is great. Not unfrequently many in our churches, and they the best of their members, are engaged, from the beginning to the close of this sacred day, in exhausting mental and personal effort, or are attendants upon public appointments, and mere passive recipients of the thoughts of others. They have little, perhaps no, opportunity for continuous reflection, careful self-examination, devout reading, and a faithful application of what they read and hear. As a consequence, their piety, instead of advancing, may decline. Its spirit may be sacrificed to its labors; its power to its forms; its hidden life to its visible manifestations. In the midst of abundance the soul is not nourished. It is more exalted by privileges than by spiritual attainment. Outward duties are a substitute for the true inward exercises. The spirit not being active in its communings with God and with truth, cannot be deeply moved and firmly held by the objects of a spiritual faith. We need a more contemplative piety. Existing dangers urge us to more retirement and spiritual meditation. Our danger is the greater, because we are prone to presume there must be true religious affections, where there is a multitude of religious acts. We fear a decay of spiritual religion in the churches from this cause—even amidst circumstances which seem most favorable to its increase. There is ground for apprehension,

2. From the practice of devoting holy time, not given to active labors, to that kind of reading which is not adapted to promote a devotional spirit. It was the custom of our pious fathers to consecrate the leisure of the Sabbath to reading the Scriptures and devotional books like the practical and doctrinal writings of Baxter, Doddridge, Watts, Edwards, Witherspoon, and others of a like spirit. It is common now to substitute books and publications of a very different character and tendency. Newspapers, magazines, reviews, and books of all sorts and sizes now find a place in Christian families, and Sabbath school libraries, and circulate through our congregations, which though called religious still contain much that is wholly secular and adapted only to amuse. Instructive and useful as they may be, they, on the whole, have little tendency to excite spiritual affections, and would never be chosen for Sabbath reading by one who was mainly anxious to abound more and more in the knowledge and love of God. And when the best hours of the Sabbath at home, are devoted to such reading, rather than to the Bible and to writings filled with the spirit of the Bible, devotional piety must decline. Intelligence and entertainment are gained, while spiritual improvement is lost. The understanding is profited at the expense of the heart. Is it not probable that the piety of the churches has suffered greatly from this cause?

We believe that a similar evil has arisen,

3. From devoting portions of the Sabbath, or Sabbath evenings to meetings held for other than strictly religious purposes, and conducted by other than religious men. The spirit of agitation and reform that has of late years so deeply moved the community, has led to public gatherings on this day, for reforming the moral habits of the community, or for abolishing specific public evils. It is not to the objects themselves that we object. On the contrary, we earnestly desire all our churches and all Christians to sustain them by wise and zealous effort. Nor do we object to any measures for their promotion, even on the Sabbath, provided their spirit and effect are in harmony with the proper object of the Sabbath, which is to sanctify the soul. But we are unwilling that our churches should sanction any assemblies on the Sabbath not consonant with its design, and especially those conducted, in whole, or in part, by irreligious or unconverted men. Meetings managed by those, who cannot discern spiritual things, and who do not appreciate those hallowed influences of the Christian Sabbath, which are so precious to a renewed mind, have a baneful effect

on the hearts of a people and are a disastrous perversion of this holy day. They often give occasion for levity and mirth, for displays of wit, for doubtful disputations, and even angry debate. Occurring at the close of the Sabbath, and pertaining to subjects that are exciting, they obliterate all the religious impressions of the day, and must therefore hinder the spiritual growth of Christians and the conversion of unbelievers. In a laudable desire to sustain a worthy object, never allow the Sabbath to be abused for its advancement. Encourage no measures which must inevitably injure your own piety. What individual Christians lose in piety, the church will lose in her power of reform, and the world will lose in morality, liberty, and true happiness.

Brethren, may it not be, that we have now brought to your view some of the great reasons why the churches are not more extensively blessed with revivals of religion? Are we to expect religion to revive when causes are operating to impair its vitality and ensure its decline? How can we look for the recovery of a patient while influences are aggravating a dangerous disease and counteracting the only remedies?

We must return to God. "The Lord is with you while ye be with him; and if ye seek him he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him he will forsake you." While the works of piety are performed by our hands, and its graces adorn our characters, its holiest affections must reign in our hearts. When there is extensively in individual Christians a revival of humility, meekness, and charity, of fervent prayer and true faith, of holy living and hearty consecration to God, and of a willingness to labor directly for the spiritual conversion of men, then the churches will arise and shine, their peace be as a river, and their converts be multiplied like the drops of the morning. That this time of your glory may come—that God may visit you again, and that right early, let ministers and churches watch against spiritual wickedness and wait on God.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 27, 1845.	To balance in the Treasury,	$6 82	
" 28, "	Received arrearages from Pilgrim Association,	2 50	
July 14, "	" " " Middlesex South "	3 00	
June 23, 1846.	" " " Essex North "	4 00	
" 25, "	Received from the several District Associations, at Pepperill, as follows: viz. from		
	Andover Association,	5 50	
	Berkshire,	10 00	
	Brewster,	3 00	
	Brookfield,	8 00	
	Essex North,	10 50	
	Essex South,	11 00	
	Franklin,	9 50	
	Hampden East,	6 00	
	Hampden West,	5 50	
	Hampshire,	7 50	
	Hampshire East,	7 50	
	Harmony,	7 00	
	Mendon,	7 00	
	Middlesex South,	5 50	
	Middlesex Union,	7 50	
	Norfolk,	14 50	
	Old Colony,	7 00	
	Pilgrim,	4 00	
	Suffolk North,	10 00	
	Suffolk South,	7 50	
	Taunton,	3 75	
	Vineyard Sound,	5 00	
	Woburn,	5 50	
	Worcester Central,	10 00	
	Worcester North,	6 00	——200 57
	Contra, Dr.		
July 1, 1845.	To postage on letters,	25	
Aug. 15, "	" "	15	
March 1, "	" "	55	
June, "	To Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Agents for publishing and distributing 1,000 copies of the Minutes of General Asso. for 1845, etc.	121 26	——122 21
	Balance in the Treasury,		$78 36

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

C. PACKARD, }
J. D. CONDIT, } *Auditors.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arranged in the Alphabetical order of the several District Associations.

N. B. The columns denoting Parishes, Ministers, and date of Settlement, correspond with the facts as they were supposed to exist when the last meeting of the General Association was held, June, 1846. The number of Communicants are reported for 1st January preceding. The Admissions, Removals, and Baptisms, are designed to cover the year 1845. The Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes embrace both teachers and pupils who usually attend these exercises. The figures under the date of Settlement indicate the average number of years that the pastors in that Association have remained in their present locations. In a *few* instances the number of church members has been supplied from the returns of the previous year—though not till all reasonable efforts have failed to secure the present number.

1. ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	167	360	527	7	12	19	15	12	1	28	2	10	350
" West,	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	74	149	223	3	11	14	2	3	1	6	2	8	300
" North,	Vacant,														
Chelmsford, North,	Benj. F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	39	56	95	2	5	7	2			2		5	100
Dracut, West,	Joseph Merrill,	April 20, 1842	36	57	93				2	2		4		4	60
" Evan. ch.	G. W. Adams,	Dec. 2, 1844	30	60	90				4	4	2	10		7	120
Lowell, 1st ch.	Willard Child,	April 8, 1846													255
" Appleton-st c.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	90	410	500										375
" John-st. ch.	Stedman W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	116	466	582	2	26	28	4	44	1	49	2	6	372
" Kirk-st. ch.	Amos Blanchard,	May 21, 1845	44	105	149	1	167	168		1		1	1	10	200
" High-st. ch.	T. Atkinson,	Feb. 25, 1846	24	47	71										130
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	66	134	200	2	4	6	1	1	1	3			250
Total, 12	11	Average 5.	686	1844	2530	17	225	242	30	67	6	103	7	50	2512

Without Pastoral Charge.—Justin Edwards, D. D., Andover; Milton Badger, D. D., New York.

2. BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	42	93	135	1	10	11	2	10		12	1	9	115
" South,	Stillman Pratt,	June 11, 1845	15	39	54	19	3	22					13	1	100
Alford,	A. L. Crandall,	Stated supply.	* 4	13	17	3	14	17							40
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	71	154	225	11		11	4			4	5	7	173
Dalton,	Vacant,														
Egremont,	John G. Hall,	Oct. 19, 1842	21	57	78	2	4	6		9		9		8	70
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	56	141	197	2	6	8	2	4	1	7		4	275
Hinsdale,	Edward Taylor,	Feb. 3, 1847	41	84	125				1	2		3		2	
Housatonic,	E. B. Andrews,	April 29, 1846	37	83	120		4	4		5		5		5	100
Lanesboro',	Vacant,		22	25	47										92
Lee,	Ralph Smith,	Dec. 9, 1846	121	188	309	1	2	3	10	23		33		11	200
Lenox,	Henry Neill,	Aug. 26, 1846	110	181	291										120
Monterey,	Samuel Howe,	July 24, 1844	46	70	116		2	2	6	1		7			90
New Marlboro', North	Chester Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1842	44	110	154				5	4	1	10			100
" South	Vacant,		28	57	85										90
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840	40	81	121		1	1	6			6			135
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	79	106	185	29	1	30	3	1		4	10	6	250
Pittsfield,	John Todd, D. D.	Jan. 16, 1842		About	600										
Richmond,	Eber L. Clark,	Jan. 20, 1838	28	52	80				1	2		3			60
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	61	158	219		1	1	3	3		6		3	200
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	57	191	248	2		2	7	2		9		5	326
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	103	172	275	2	11	13	4	5		9		3	217
" Curtisville,	S. P. Giddings,	Dec. 2, 1846	40	80	120				1	3	1	5		1	93
Washington,	Francis Norwood,	Sept. 2, 1846	16	31	47	2	4							1	60
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	Sidney Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	32	62	94	1	1	2	1	2		3	1		83
" Village,	John Whiton,	Jan. 3, 1844	21	35	56	3		3					1		
Williamstown,	Absalom Peters, D. D.	Nov. 10, 1844	107	189	296	3	2	5	5	6	1	12		5	276
" South,	"	Occa. supply.	12	34	46				2			2			35
Williams College,	Mark Hopkins, D. D.				36										
Windsor,	George R. Entler,	Stated supply.	35	50	85		1	1	1	1		2		3	95
Austerlitz, N. Y.	Samuel Utley,	Stated supply.	25	74	99					4		4			
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.	J. Jay Dana,	April 26, 1840	34	71	105				1			1		1	70
New Concord, N. Y.	Bancroft Fowler,	Stated supply.	35	71	106										30
New Lebanon, N. Y.	Vacant,		26	48	74										60
Total, 34	29		1409	2800	4845	84	64	142	65	87	4	156	31	75	3555

* Church organized May 1, 1846.

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Alden, D. D., Williamstown; Wm. B. Bond, Springfield; R. S. Cook, New York city; J. W. Davis, Austerlitz, N. Y.

3. BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chatham,	E. W. Tucker,	March 25, 1846	30	103	133				5	1		6		5	135
Dennis, North,	Vacant,														
Eastham,	E. W. Noble,	Stated supply.	12	40	52				2			2		2	60
Harwich,	Cyrus Stone,	Dec. 18, 1844	33	83	116	1	1	2	2			2		3	175
Orleans,	Jacob White,	June, 1841	43	132	175	1		1	6	4		10		1	250
Provincetown,	O. Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846	9	31	40	1		1					1	2	50
Truro,	George Goodyear,	Feb. 17, 1846	39	74	113				2	6		8		4	140
" North,	Vacant,		8	24	32										
Wellfleet,	C. C. Beaman,	Dec. 2, 1846	80	132	212		2	2	11	2		13		6	201
" South,	H. Van Houten,	Stated supply.	65	89	154				1	3		4		6	175
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	April 22, 1822	36	67	103	1	1	2		1		1		4	130
" South,	S. D. Darling,	Pastor elect,	7	53	60					2		2			45
Total, 12	10		362	828	1190	4	4	8	29	19		48	1	33	1361

Without Pastoral Charge.—Enoch Pratt, Brewster.

4. BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Brimfield,	Geo. C. Partridge,	Feb. 9, 1842	67	154	221	2	1	3	3	8	9	20		9	300
Brookfield, South,	Micah Stone,	Maroh 11, 1801													
" West,	Lyman Whiting,	Jan. 11, 1843	32	73	105	1		1	1	1		2		9	150
Charlton,	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 19, 1844	80	160	240		8	8	2	4	2	8		10	200
Dana, Storrsville,	Vacant,		15	53	68										64
Dudley,	John Keep,	April 24, 1844	10	32	42		5	5		5		5		1	75
Hardwick,	Joshua Bates, D. D.	March 22, 1843	34	79	113	3	7	10	3	5		8		4	180
Holland,	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	33	67	100	3	3	6		1		1		1	130
New Braintree,	James Sandford,	Stated supply.	22	44	66		3	3	1	1		2			60
North Brookfield,	John Fiske, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1796	41	104	145	1	1	2	4	6		10	1	3	150
Oakham,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	78	157	235		3	3	3	2		5		4	350
Palmer,	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	80	166	246	1	5	6	2	10	2	14	1	3	300
Southbridge,	M. K. Cross,	Feb. 2, 1842	40	114	163	1	7	8	1	11		12		4	150
Spencer,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	58	121	179	4	6	10	2	7	3	12	2	6	250
Sturbridge,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	32	85	117		2	2	1	4		5		1	150
Ware, West,	David R. Austin,	May 12, 1839	109	225	334	5	3	8	8	4	1	13	5	6	250
" Village,	D. N. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	45	99	144	1	5	6	2	6		8		6	160
Warren,	Nahum Gale,	June 22, 1842	81	166	247	2	12	14	7	17		26		9	275
	George Trask,	Nov. 23, 1836	62	125	187		2	2	5		1	6		7	270
Total, 18	18	Average 14.	928	2024	2952	24	73	97	45	92	18	157	9	83	3469

5. ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	Henry B. Smith,	Dec. 29, 1842	46	137	183	10	5	15	3			3	5	10	130
" Mills,	J. H. Mordough,	Stated supply.	70	142	212			4	3			3		7	96
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1837	17	54	71	1	2	3	3			3			85
Bradford, West,	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	60	120	180		6	6		4		4		3	100
" East,	G. B. Perry, D. D.	Sept. 28, 1814	78	115	193	2	6	8	2	2	3	5	2	5	200
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	48	101	149	2		2	2			2		3	205
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1797													
	Enoch Pond, Jr.	Dec. 8, 1842	63	109	172	1	4	5		2		2	1	2	250
Haverhill, Centre,	Benj. F. Hosford,	May 21, 1845	61	120	181		1		3	7	2	12			175
" North,	David Oliphant,	Stated supply.													
" East,	Vacant,														
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	30	70	100			4	3	2		5		4	71
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	47	124	171		1	1	6			6		1	97
" Linebrook,	George Coggin,	Stated supply.	27	33	60	3		3					1	1	65
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	120	180	3	3	6							200
" Bellville,	John C. March,	March 1, 1832	60	90	150	1			3						120
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	60	290	350	1	5	6	7			7		8	200
" Temple-st. ch.	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837													
" Federal-st. ch.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835													200
Rowley,	John Pike,	Nov. 11, 1841													
Salisbury, R. Hill,	Benj. Sawyer,	Stated supply.	18	44	62	2		2						1	50
W. Newbury, E. par.	Horatio Merrill,	May 7, 1845	19	41	60	1	2	3	3		2	5	1	3	84
" W. par.	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	55	111	166		2	2	1	5	1	7		3	125
Total, 23	22	Average 14.	819	1821	2640	27	37	70	39	22	8	64	10	51	2453

Without Pastoral Charge.—Henry Woodman, Georgetown.

6. ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Beverly, Dane-st.	J. Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	84	168	252										200
" Washington-st.	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	30	88	118				4	2		6			150
" North,	J. Foote,	Stated supply.	8	24	32									2	75
Boxford, 1st par.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	21	47	68				2			2		4	150
Danvers, 1st chh.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826	55	150	205				2			2		4	250
" 2d chh.	Thomas P. Field,	Oct. 1840	77	193	270										250
" 3d chh.	Richard Tolman,	Sept. 17, 1845	17	35	52	1	10	11	1			1		10	135
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	45	92	137	1		1	1			1	1	4	178
Gloucester Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	26	96	122	1	2	3	1			1	1	8	166
" Annisquam par.	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	14	28	42	1		1	1			1			65
" West par.	H. C. Jewett,	Stated supply.	12	36	48										100
Hamilton,	George W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	53	99	152				4	1		5		2	120
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	41	122	163	1		1	1	4		5		4	150
Lynn,	Parsons Cooke,	May 4, 1836	45	140	185		5	5	2	3	1	6			240
Lynnfield,	H. S. Greene,	Dec. 27, 1837	19	31	50	1		1							75
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	49	238	287		1	1	10	2	1	13		2	290
Marblehead,	Edward A. Lawrence,	April 23, 1845	90	260	350		4	4						9	300
Middleton,	Richard T. Searle,	May 8, 1845	43	72	115	1	3	4	2	1		3	1	4	120
Rockport,	Wakefield Gale,	May 4, 1836	137	229	366				2	2		4		5	361
Salem, Crombie-st.	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	47	167	214	4	3	7	11	5	1	17	2	9	160
" Howard-st.	Joel Mann,	May 6, 1840	52	112	164				3		1	4		4	150
" South chh.	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	74	251	325		9	9	7	16	3	26		12	330
" Tabernacle,	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	89	350	439	3	5	8	11	5		16		18	400
Saugus,	Theop. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	6	6	14	3							3	5	80
Swampscott,	J. B. Clark,	Stated supply.	8	6	14										150
Topsfield,	A. McCloud,	Dec. 8, 1841	57	106	163				6	3		9		4	150
Wenham,	D. Mansfield,	July 26, 1837	55	81	136				2	2		4		5	203
Total, 27	27	Average 10⅓.	1254	3238	4592	17	42	56	73	46	7	126	8	115	4998

7. FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clark,	June 11, 1840	80	155	235	3	1	4	4	4		8	1	3	125
Bernardston,	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	42	66	108				1	5		6		4	100
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	71	120	191		5	5	4	4		8	2		220
Charlemont, East,	N. A. Keyes,	Stated supply.	14	31	45	3	1	4	1			1			90
" West,	Vacant,		23	53	76		4	4	5	47		52		3	120
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	16	43	59	1	1	2		3		3	1	1	65
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	105	191	296	5	11	16	7	17	1	25		7	305
Deerfield, North,	Henry Seymour,	March 1, 1843	30	60	90	1	16	17	1	2		3	1	4	100
" South,	Abraham Jackson,	Oct. 22, 1845	28	52	80		2	2	3	2		5		4	90
Erving,	Vacant,		7	14	21										20
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	5	33	38									1	30
Greenfield, 1st,	Amariah Chandler,	Oct. 24, 1832	11	45	56										68
" 2d,	L. L. Langstroth,	Dec. 22, 1843	48	89	137		5	5	3	7		10			100
Hawley, East,	John Eastman,	Stated supply.	49	83	132	3	4	7	2	1		3		4	250
" West,	Moses Miller,	May 20, 1840	25	39	64										90
Heath,	Vacant,		40	95	135	1	1	2	1	5		6		9	150
Irvingsville,	Vacant,		12	16	28										60
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	38	77	115	4	3	7	4	2		6	1	4	200
New Salem, Centre,	Jonas Colburn,	Stated supply.	5	12	17	4	4	8						1	40
" North,			11	29	40										
Northfield,	Willard Jones,	Stated supply.	21	45	66	1	4	5		2		2	1	1	60
Orange,	Charles Boyter,	Stated supply.	3	8	11		1	1		1		1			10
Rowe,	Benj. F. Clarke,	Stated supply.	12	27	39	1	1	2		3		3		3	40
Shelburne,	T. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	55	93	148		3	3	4	7		11		3	100
Shutesbury,	Lot B. Sullivan,	Stated supply.	14	46	60				2			2		1	50
Sunderland,	Austin Cary,	Nov. 11, 1840	72	106	178		7	7	3	8	1	12		5	275
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	16	35	51	1		1		1		1		5	80
Wendell,	J. H. Patrick,	Stated supply.	18	32	50				1			1			60
Total, 28	24	Average 9.	871	1695	2566	28	74	102	46	121	2	169	7	63	2898

Without Pastoral Charge.—W. Riddel, and S. Ware, South Deerfield; Salmon Bennett, ———; Charles Russell, ———.

8. HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Longmeadow,	Samuel Wolcott,	Aug. 30, 1843	75	137	212	4	3	7	5			5	2	3	170
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	46	87	133	1	2	3	6	6	2	14	2	3	161
Ludlow,	J. W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	75	100	175	5	10	15	6	7	1	14	2	3	175
Monson,	A. Ely, D. D.	Dec. 17, 1806	140	239	379	1	6	7	4	13	2	19		8	250
Springfield,	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	117	305	422										173
" Chicopee,	E. B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	30	61	91	1	1	2	1	6		7		3	100
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	67	130	197										175
" Chicopee Falls,	F. A. Barton,	Sept. 13, 1843	42	124	166										195
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	43	139	182	2	2	4	1	16	1	18	2	1	220
" South chh.	Noah Porter,	Jan. 12, 1843	56	78	134										120
Wilbraham,	J. Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	75	117	192		6	6		4		4		3	190
" South,	J. A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	26	49	75		1	1	5	2		7		2	100
Total, 12	12	Average 11½.	802	1566	2368	14	31	45	28	54	6	88	8	26	2029

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Edmund Burt, E. Longmeadow.

9. HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	Charles J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	39	99	138		1	1	3		1	4		3	135
Chester,	Francis Warriner,	Oct. 27, 1841	55	101	156										91
" Factories,	P. K. Clark,	Stated supply.	7	13	20		2	2							50
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	39	91	130		2	2	3	1	1	5		5	80
" West,	Calvin Foot,	Sept. 1, 1841	18	50	68										80
Montgomery,	Vacant,		10	25	35									1	35
Russell,	Vacant,		4	8	12										
Southwick,	Vacant,		29	60	89				1			1			50
Tolland,	Alonzo Sanderson,	July 12, 1843	22	52	74	5	2	7	3	3		6	2	1	75
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June 1, 1836	122	278	400		17	17	13	21		34		16	350
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	98	177	275	1	8	9	5	9		14		10	330
" Ireland,	Simeon Miller,	May 7, 1846	28	64	92		6	6	1	1		2			135
" Agawam,	Ralph Perry,	Jan. 3, 1844	41	66	107				2		3	5		1	100
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,	June 30, 1841	30	59	89		2	2	3	5		8		4	60
Total, 14	12	Average 13.	542	1143	1685	6	40	46	34	40	5	79	2	41	1571

Without Pastoral Charge.—Hubbard Beebe, Westfield.

10. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chesterfield,	Vacant,		20	60	80										88
Cummington,	James D. Chapman,	June 12, 1844	31	61	92										125
" Village,	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	30	62	92	7	1	8	1	3		4	5	1	200
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	33	60	93	2		2		1		1	2	5	60
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789													
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	97	159	256	2	2	4	7	7		14		15	200
Goshen,	Royal Reed,	Oct. 19, 1842	38	65	103	1	2	3	1	6		7		6	164
Hatfield,	Vacant,		55	111	156										100
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	43	60	103		3	3	2	3		5		1	75
Northampton, 1st,	E. Y. Swift,	Nov. 19, 1845	188	375	563	55	17	72	13	6		19	15	23	267
" Edwards ch.	Vacant,		73	147	220										120
Norwich,	E. B. Wright,	Feb. 23, 1842	45	74	119		4	4	4	17		21		4	100
Plainfield,	Wm. A. Hawley,	July 21, 1841	56	112	168				6	7		13		2	175
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832													
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	53	95	148	4	1	5	2	2		4		3	134
Whately, 1st,	J. Howard Temple,	Sept. 30, 1845	53	74	127		3	3	5	3		8			90
" 2d,	J. Sheldon Judd,	Oct. 12, 1843	46	61	107		4	4	2	4		6		2	
Williamsburg,	—— Wilcox'	1847	127	158	285										200
Worthington,	J. H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	73	118	191	3	3	6	2	8		10		14	300
Total, 18	16		1061	1852	2913	74	30	54	45	67		112	22	75	2390

Without Pastoral Charge.—John Ferguson, Whately; C. J. Tenney, D. D., M. G. Wheeler, E. P. Rogers, and O. Warner, Northampton; Caleb Knight, Worthington; Solomon Lyman and Erastus Clapp, East Hampton.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, West,	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	103	222	325	7	5	12	6	7		13		8	200
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	54	87	141										200
" East,	Pomeroy Belden,	Sept. 14, 1842	50	122	172	5	2	7	1	6	2	9	1	17	195
" South,	—— Smith,	Stated supply.	38	75	113										115
" College,	E. Hitchcock, D. D.	April, 1845	43	10	53	27	16	43		12		12	5		
Belchertown;	John Clancy,														
Enfield,	R. McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	87	181	268	11	6	17					7	2	300
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	92	197	289	14	2	16	4	7		11	5	8	270
Greenwich,	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	44	92	136	3	2	5		1		1	3		160
Hadley, 1st par.	Vacant,		86	140	226										250
" 2d par.	W. H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	29	56	85	2	3	5						2	115
" 3d par.	J. Woodbridge, D. D.	Feb. 16, 1842	32	63	95	5	1	6		4		4	2	4	90
Leverett,	D. Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	36	59	95						1	1		3	100
Pelham,	Vacant,														
Prescott,	Vacant,		12	32	44				3	1		4			60
Shutesbury,	Vacant,														
South Hadley, 1st par.	J. D. Condit,	July 8, 1830	70	154	224	4	2	6						4	175
" 2d par.	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	49	84	133	1	15	16		6		6		5	100
Total, 18	14		825	1574	2399	79	54	133	14	44	3	61	23	53	2330

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. W. Curtis, J. H. Patrick, J. Sanford, and W. Tyler, Amherst; E. Moody, Granby; R. Hawkes, South Hadley.

12. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blackstone,	M. Burdett,	May 5, 1841													
Douglass, 1st chh.	J. W. Salter,	June 7, 1843	36	78	114	1	3	4	1	1		2			125
" East,	C. D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	49	100	149		2	2	1	5		6		4	200
Grafton,	T. C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	109	183	292	2	14	16	2	11		13	1	8	350
Hopkinton,	J. C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	58	130	188	2	3	5	2	1		3	1	7	250
Millbury, 1st chh.	N. Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	42	108	150		4	4	2	10	1	13		2	125
" Grass Hill,	S. Holman,	July 1, 1840	27	56	83										100
Millville,	Willard Holbrook,	Aug. 18, 1841	11	38	49										80
Northbridge,	Wm. Bates,	Nov. 5, 1845	36	69	105		2	2						1	140
" Whitinsville,	L. F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	30	66	96	1	4	5						6	150
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	65	141	206		3	3	5	7	1	13		4	200
Upton,	Benjamin Wood,	June 1, 1796	75	201	276										
Uxbridge,	John Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	52	145	197				2	5		7		2	278
Webster,	L. Cary,	Aug. 14, 1845	39	62	101				1	4		5		5	110
Westboro',	Vacant,		96	215	311	2	3	5	4	12		16	1	10	200
Total, 15	14	Average 8½.	725	1592	2317	8	38	46	20	56	2	78	3	49	2308

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Holman, Douglass; H. A. Read, Webster; Charles B. Kittredge, Westboro'; C. B. Elliott, Millbury; T. A. Taylor, Pastor of the church, Slatersville, R. I.

13. MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dover,	Calvin White,	Stated supply.	9	22	31									1	45
Foxborough,	Daniel J. Poor,	March 11, 1840	30	76	106	1	1	2						9	188
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839	52	104	156	4	1	5	3	8		11		2	220
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	March 1, 1843	45	127	172	1	3	4	1	2		3		3	350
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	24	53	77	1		1	1	1		2		2	130
Medfield,	Thomas T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	24	58	82	3		3		2		2		1	65
Medway, 1st par.	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	49	131	180										200
" West,	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	47	129	176	1	3	4	3	5	2	10		3	175
" Village chh.	David Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	44	109	153	8	14	22		13	1	14	3	9	190
Mendon,	A. H. Reed,	Stated supply.	8	40	48									8	60
Milford,	Vacant,		22	70	92	5	2	7	3	1		4	4	3	150
Wrentham, 1st chh.	Elisha Fiske,	Jan. 12, 1799													
" North,	Horace James,	Nov. 1, 1843	59	161	220	9	6	15	7	10	1	18	7	11	293
	Tyler Thatcher,	Stated supply.	13	41	54	1	5	6						7	45
Total, 13	13	Average 12¼.	426	1121	1547	34	35	69	18	42	4	64	14	59	2111

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Long and S. B. Goodenow, Milford; Calvin Park, D. D., Stoughton; Charles Simmons, North Wrentham; M. P. Grosvenor, Petersham; D. R. Barnes, ———.

14. MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashland,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Nov. 6, 1839	29	59	88			7		1		1		6	150
Concord,	W. L. Mather,	Oct. 30, 1844	16	88	104	1	4	5		5		5	1	8	132
Framingham,	Increase N. Tarbox,	Nov. 22, 1844	45	150	195			8	1	12		13		6	215
Lincoln,	E. Newhall,	Jan. 16, 1833	31	76	107		1	1		4		4		3	125
Marlboro',	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	52	104	156		2	2		5	1	6		2	260
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	43	108	151			2	1	1	5	7		11	150
Needham, West,	Vacant,		40	83	123	3		3		2	1	3	3	6	138
Saxonville,	Isaac Hosford,	Feb. 14, 1838	18	54	72	2	15	17	1	2	1	4		3	140
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	66	110	176			2	2	2		4		5	136
Southboro',	Alanson Rawson,	Stated supply.	54	93	147		1	1	2			2		10	341
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841	53	107	160				3	3		6		5	200
Wayland,	J. W. Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841	15	74	89	1	1	2	3			3	1	2	141
Total, 12	11	Average 5½.	462	1106	1568	7	24	50	13	37	8	58	5	67	2128

15. MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	99	160	259		1	1	1			1		4	175
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	66	118	184		4	4	4		1	5		2	175
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	22	28	50				1	1		2		2	50
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	35	80	115	5		5	1	1	4	6	5	5	155
Fitchburg,	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	121	250	371	1	15	16	6	4	2	12		15	476
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	103	137	240	1	4	5	3	2		5	1	12	185
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	110	156		3	3	3	3		6		4	
Lancaster,	Charles Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	21	49	70	7	8	15		10		10	1	6	85
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	47	107	154	3	5	8	5	8		13		9	216
Littleton,	Vacant,		21	26	47	3	2	5	3			3	1	4	60
Lunenburgh,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	25	67	92		1	1	4	3		7		2	
Pepperell,	D. Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	156	237	393	3		3	2	5		7		5	300
Stow,	W. A. Mandell,	Stated supply.	17	45	62				1		2	3			
Shirley,	J. P. Humphrey,	Stated supply.	15	23	38				1	6		7		2	75
Townsend,	L. H. Sheldon,	Aug. 1, 1844	119	212	331	2	6	8	3	3		6		6	285
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	58	107	165		6	6	2	4		6			215
Total, 16	15	Average 10.	971	1756	2727	25	55	80	40	50	9	99	8	78	2452

16. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Abington, 1st chh.	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	47	68	115				4	1		5			163
" 2d chh.	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842													125
" 3d chh.	Horace D. Walker,	Feb. 15, 1844	40	77	117	1		1						2	310
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840													90
Braintree, 1st chh.	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	49	141	190				1	1	1	3		2	160
" South,	F. V. Tenney,*	Aug. 7, 1845	23	38	61		1	1						2	80
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	72	117	189		2	2	3	4	1	8		2	150
Bridgewater,	David Brigham,	April 23, 1845	28	52	80		3	3	2			2		1	90
" East and West,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	39	63	102		2	2	2			2		2	200
Canton,	Wm. B. Hammond,	June 5, 1844	8	23	31	3	8	11					3		50
Cohasset,	Daniel H. Babcock,	June 9, 1842	16	86	102		2	2		6		6		1	100
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	40	82	122	1	4	5	1			1	1	4	
Dorchester, 2d chh.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	88	228	316	2	1	3	3	8	5	16	1	12	175
" Village,	David Dyer,	April 9, 1845	41	151	192	1	5	6	2	4		6	1	5	125
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct 24, 1810	44	92	136	3		3	5	4		9	3	1	100
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	53	69				1	1		2		1	100
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	12	51	63										
Milton,	Samuel W. Cozzens,	May 24, 1837	56	102	158		6	6	3	4		7		9	125
" Railway Vill.	W. M. Harding,*	Stated supply.	5	10	15										50
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct 7, 1835	98	136	234	1	4	5	4			4	1	1	180
" South ch.	Daniel Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	23	31	54				1	2		3			120
Quincy,	Wm. Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	21	62	83		2	2	2			2		5	115
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	43	88	131	1	2	3	3	2	1	6			110
" East,	Wm, A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	55	89	144	2		2	2		1	3		7	200
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1842	28	53	81	1		1	5	1	1	7	1		120
Sharon,	Lebbeus R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841													
Stoughton,	W. M. Cornell,	Stated supply.													50
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	72	144	216				2	1	3	6			200
" South,	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838	20	65	85										85
Total, 29	29	Average 11.	984	2102	3086	16	42	58	46	39	13	98	11	55	3373

* Not connected with the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ebenezer Gay, Bridgewater; Daniel Butler, Waltham; Stephen Bailey, Dorchester; Lyman Matthews, ————.

17. OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dartmouth, South,	Vacant,		30	79	109						1	1		1	
Fairhaven, 1st chh.	Jacob Roberts,	June 15, 1839	71	144	215		1	1	1		1	2		4	165
" Central ch.	William Gould,	March 1, 1843													
	Daniel W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	36	83	119	2	1	3	3			3	1	6	80
Middleboro' 1st ch.	Israel W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	64	189	253	3		3	5	2		7			100
New Bedford, 1st chh.	D. C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	15	41	56	2		2	1			1	1		80
" North,	Vacant,		55	290	345										335
" Trinitarian,	G. L. Prentiss,	April 9, 1845	36	74	110		10	10	1	5		6		19	120
" Pacific,	Sylvester Holmes,	Dec. 4, 1844	25	46	71	4	17	21					2	15	150
Rochester, Centre,	Jonathan Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	18	79	97				3	2		5		2	
" Mattapoisett,	Isaiah C. Thatcher,	Dec. 25, 1844	55	90	145	4	2	6	2	2	2	6	1	7	125
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	Stated supply.	15	25	40										25
" South,	Oliver Cobb, D. D.	Feb. 5, 1799													
	Leander Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1841	19	44	63		1	1	2			2		4	80
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	36	102	138					2		2		1	
Total, 13	13	Average 10.	475	1286	1761	15	32	47	18	13	4	35	5	59	1260

18. PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Carver,	Vacant,		40	62	102										75
Halifax,	Vacant,		16	31	47				3			3			50
Kingston,	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	27	60	87	1	1	2		2	1	3			60
Marshfield, North,	D. D. Tappan,	Jan. 23, 1839	14	24	38					2		2		2	50
" South,	Seneca White,	Sept. 8, 1838													
Plymouth, Manomet,	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	61	74	135		1	1	2	1		3		7	
" Pilgrimage,	Charles S. Porter,	May 1845	38	120	158	5	11	16	5	11		16	4	7	150
" Eel River,	Benj. Whitmore,	Dec. 21, 1817	66	117	183									1	100
" Robinson,	Vacant,		15	78	93										50
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	37	108	145	1		1	2	1	3	6	1	2	98
Total, 10	7	Average 12.	314	674	988	7	13	20	12	17	4	33	5	19	653

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. Paine, Halifax; J. King, Abington; F. P. Howland, Hanson; J. Dwight, W. Medway.

19. SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Bowdoin-st. c.	Vacant,		185	336	521	1	5	6	2	26		28		6	218
" Central ch.	W. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835													
	George Richards,	Oct 8, 1845	169	294	463	5	14	19	4	25	3	32		6	260
" Leyden ch.	Joseph H. Towne,	Feb. 28, 1844	61	133	194	3	58	61		3		3		12	255
" Messiah ch.	Vacant,		53	163	216	2	1	3	4	100		104	2	19	138
" Old South ch.	G. W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	100	400	500	3	6	9	8	6		14	1	14	180
Cambridge, 1st ch.	John A. Albro,	April 15, 1835													132
" East,	F. T. Perkins,	Jan 11, 1843	15	35	50		13	13		3		3		3	80
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	70	154	224	10	1	11		7		7	4	7	200
Charlestown, 1st ch.	W. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	57	196	253	4	5	9	3	3		6	2	9	307
" Winthrop,	John Humphrey,	Nov. 30, 1842	88	198	286	3	11	14	2	3	1	6	1	11	380
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	I. P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	72	128	200	13	23	36	1	1	1	3	3	9	430
Malden,	Chauncey Goodrich,	Aug. 30, 1843	25	72	97		4	4	2		1	3		3	60
Medford,	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	75	150	225		3	3	1	1	1	3		16	225
Newton, 1st ch.	W. Bushnell,	May 23, 1842	33	55	88				1	37		38		4	105
" 2d ch.	Lyman Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	35	59	94	3	2	5	2	3		5	1	5	85
" Elliot ch.	W. T. Leavitt,	Dec. 3, 1845	18	31	49									1	100
Waltham,	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838													114
Total, 17	16	Average 7.	1056	2404	3460	47	146	193	30	218	7	255	14	115	3269

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. Anderson, D. D., S. Bliss, G. C. Beckwith, D. Clark, and W. M. Cornell, Boston; J. Curtis, Charlestown; A. Bullard, Cambridge.

20. SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Park-st. ch.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	161	440	601	2	13	15	5	19	3	27		10	150
" Essex-st. ch.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	123	452	575		9	9	1	17	1	19	1	12	300
" Salem-st. ch.	Edw. Beecher, D. D.	March 13, 1844	152	309	461	9	21	30	6	13	3	22	2	15	398
" Pine-st. ch.	Austin Phelps,	March 31, 1842	101	184	285	5	22	27	6	32	2	40	2	14	300
" Mariners' ch.	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	72	45	117	1	1	2	4	4	1	9			170
" Mt. Vernon c.	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	141	280	421	27	68	95	4	8	2	14	5	22	400
" Suffolk-st. ch	George A. Oviatt,	Nov. 20, 1845	25	37	62										100
S. Boston, Phillips ch.	Vacant,		63	120	183	2	5	7	6	71		77			150
E. Boston, Maverick c.	Vacant,		36	53	89	1	10	11		6	2	8			150
Brighton,	John R. Adams,	Feb. 2, 1842	56	105	161	2	6	8	2	2		4		5	138
Brookline, Harvard ch.	Richard S. Storrs, Jr.	Oct. 22, 1845	13	16	29									2	26
Dedham, 1st ch.	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	60	193	253	3	10	13	3	3		6	2	1	225
Roxbury, Elliot ch.	A. C. Thompson,	July 27, 1842	70	129	199	1	10	11	5	11		16		6	160
" West,	Christopher Marsh,	May 17, 1837	20	47	67		1	1	1			1		4	75
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1829	34	111	145		1	1		3		3		3	150
Total, 15	13	Average 8¼.	1127	2521	3648	53	177	230	43	189	14	246	12	94	2894

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. S. Clark, L. Dwight, D. Greene, S. H. Riddell, S. B. Treat, and J. E. Woodbridge, Boston; J. Abbott, and A. A. Phelps, New York; S. Lamson, Nashua, N. H.; E. P. Sperry, ———.

21. TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Attleboro',	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836	59	161	220	1	3	4	7	1		8	1	4	260
" West,	J. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	45	77	122				1		1	2		1	125
Berkley,	Ebenezer Gay,	Stated supply.	48	83	131	5		5	8			8	3		150
Bridgewater, Scotland	Stetson Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	8	30	38										70
Dighton,	Vacant,		18	40	58	3	4	7	6	1		7		4	40
Fall River, 1st ch.	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	71	163	234		2	2	3	5	1	9		8	350
" Central,	Samuel Washburn,	April 24, 1844	36	70	106		11	11	2	7		9		2	250
Freetown,	Vacant,		13	33	46	2	2	4		3		3	2	1	50
Middleboro', North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	45	102	147		1	1	2			2			100
" 2d ch. West,	Jesse K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	48	83	131	2		2					2		120
Norton,	William Barrows,	Stated supply.	47	91	138				2		3	5		1	100
Pawtucket,	Constantine Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	44	166	210		7	7	4	42	1	47		6	350
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	40	108	148		1	1	3	2		5		1	135
Rehoboth, Village,	John C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	25	60	85	4		4	1			1		2	130
Seekonk,	James O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	35	75	110	3	2	5	3	4		7	3	3	135
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	38	107	145	2		2	2			2		11	150
" Trin. ch.	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	77	233	300	5	17	22	2	9		11	3	3	285
" Spring-st. ch.	S. Hopkins Emery,	Stated supply.	30	61	91		4	4		15		15		3	
Weymouth, Union ch.	George Denham,	Nov. 1, 1843	10	20	30	4	9	13					4	7	75
Total, 19	17	Average 13.	737	1763	2500	31	63	94	46	89	6	141	19	57	2875

22. VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Barnstable, West,	Alonzo Hayes,	May 1843	24	50	74	1	3	4	1			1		1	94
" Centreville,	E. Bacon,	March 1840	33	67	100										70
Chilmark,	Silas S. Hyde,	Stated supply.	4	27	31	2		2							40
Dennis, North,	Vacant,														
" South,	J. H. Pettingell,	Dec. 5, 1843	37	81	118	2	1	3	4	4		8	3	7	250
Edgartown,	Vacant,		19	86	105	2		2	1	3	1	5	2	4	100
Falmouth, 1st ch.	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 18, 1837	67	146	213	3		3	8	6		14	2	15	300
" East,	J. D Lewis,	Sept. 28, 1842	22	28	50										80
" North,	A. Cobb,	Stated supply.	31	48	79				1			1		3	55
Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1811		20	20										20
Nantucket,	Charles Rich,	May 21, 1844	68	313	381	12	4	16	8	14	3	25	1	11	405
Sandwich,	Giles Pease,	Stated supply	48	114	162				2		6	8		2	70
" Monument,	—— Ottinger,	Stated supply.	16	23	39										50
Tisbury,	S. S. Tappan,	Oct. 1, 1845	4	17	21	2	2	4						6	30
" West,	John Walker,	Stated supply.	18	37	55										35
Yarmouth, South,	E. Chase,	Jan. 4, 1843	6	64	70										50
Total, 16	14	Average 7.	397	1121	1518	24	10	34	25	27	10	62	7	49	1649

23. WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	Orin Sikes,	Jan. 3, 1846	59	120	179				4	3	4	11		8	103
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	10	40	50				1	5		6		8	45
Burlington,	N. Richardson,	Stated supply.	22	43	65				1	1	2	4			60
Carlisle,	G. W. Thompson,	July 1845	10	40	50		4	4						1	50
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 25, 1833	88	160	248										127
" North,	E. W. Allen,	May 17, 1843	20	47	67	1	3	4	4	1		5	1		140
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804													
	Alfred Emerson,	Oct. 15, 1845													
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1843	33	88	121		1	1	1		1	2			200
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 21, 1806	80	102	182		1	4	4	3		7	1		180
West Cambridge,	Francis Horton,	May 17, 1843	15	37	52		5			1		1		1	60
Wilmington,	B. M. Fay,	April 1845	25	64	89	2		2	2	1		3	2		
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822	163	290	453	3	11	9	9	7		16	1	13	350
" South,	W. T. Eustis,	April 8, 1846	60	90	150										
Total, 13	14	Average 11.	585	1121	1706	6	25	31	26	22	7	55	5	26	1315

24. WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	80	146	226		2	2	3			3		2	150
Barre,	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	64	128	192	4	1	5	5	6		11	2	5	90
Berlin,	Henry Adams,	Oct. 25, 1843	35	65	100		2	2						2	150
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	58	92	150		1	1		5		5		6	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	134	253	387	1	1	2	3	7	1	11		6	275
Lancaster, (Clinton-ville,)	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	25	43	68	9	13	22	1			1	7	3	150
Leicester,	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	67	119	186	1	5	6	4	14	2	20		6	231
Millbury, 2d par.	S. G. Buckingham,	May 24, 1837	60	100	160	1	7	8	2	5		7		9	175
Northboro',	Addison Houghton,	July 5, 1843	14	75	89	2	3	5					2	5	90
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	92	197	289		7	7	2	12	1	15		7	200
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps, Jr.	Nov. 11, 1840	44	97	141	2	4	6	4			4	2	6	185
Princeton,	A. Goldsmith,	July 16, 1845	61	124	185		2	2		1		1		2	
Rutland,	Daniel R. Cady,	Oct. 27, 1845	96	194	290				5	6		11		3	150
Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841	105	179	284										
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	72	188	260		14	14	5	6	3	14		3	350
Worcester, 1st par.	George P. Smith,	March 19, 1845	93	199	292		29	29	4	1	1	6		3	300
" Calvinist,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	110	233	343	2	20	22	1	9		10	1	5	310
" Union,	Elam Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	163	257	420		28	28	4	8	1	13		3	437
Total, 18	18	Average 8.	1373	2689	4062	22	139	161	43	80	9	132	14	76	3393

Without Pastoral Charge.—G. Allen and R. A. Miller, Worcester; S. Gay, Hubbardston; J. Longley, Sutton.

25. WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashburnham,	Elnathan Davis,	Stated supply.	85	134	219		4	4	4	14	2	20		6	126
Athol,	R. M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	67	122	189				3	7	4	14		1	160
Gardner,	W. B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	56	90	146	1	3	4	5	2	1	8		1	150
Hubbardston,	D. B. Bradford,	June 17, 1846	57	131	188	3	2	5	3	10	1	14		6	188
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	24	52	76		1	1	2	3		5		1	135
Phillipston,	A. E. P. Perkins,	Sept. 18, 1844	70	134	204	5		5	4	5		9		4	275
Royalston, 1st ch.	A. Jenkins,	Stated supply.	47	105	152					3		3			200
" South,	S. D. Darling,	Stated supply.	34	50	84	2		2	2	5		7	2	2	
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	37	67	104		3	3	1	3	1	5		4	135
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	108	205	313	1		1	8	5	1	14		9	275
Winchendon, 1st ch.	Benjamin Rice,	Stated supply.	27	63	90				1	4		5		2	
" North,	A. P. Marvin,	June 10, 1844	33	55	88		7	7	1			1		3	170
Total, 12	12	Average 4¼.	645	1208	1853	12	20	32	34	61	10	105	2	39	1814

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ebenezer Perkins, Royalston.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chhs.	Pastors.	Average years in present location.	Stated supplies.	Vacant chhs.	Ministers without charge.	Ch. mem. Jan. 1, 1846.			Admissions in 1845.			Removals in 1845.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
							Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover,	12	11	5		1	2	686	1,844	2,530	17	225	242	30	67	6	103	7	5	2,512
Berkshire,	34	25	6½	3	6	7	1,348	2,661	4,009	55	111	166	59	101	6	183	26	100	3,710
Brewster,	11	5	3	4	2	2	354	717	1,071	7	11	18	14	12	3	29	2	2	1,325
Brookfield,	18	17	14	1	1		928	2,024	2,952	24	73	97	45	92	18	157	9	83	3,469
Essex North,	23	18	14	4	2	1	819	1,821	2,640	27	37	70	39	22	8	64	10	51	2,453
Essex South,	27	24	10½	3			1,254	3,238	4,492	17	42	59	73	46	7	126	8	115	4,998
Franklin,	28	16	9	8	4	4	871	1,695	2,566	28	74	102	46	121	2	169	7	63	2,898
Hampden East,	12	12	11½			1	802	1,566	2,368	14	31	45	28	54	6	88	8	26	2,029
Hampden West,	14	11	13	1	3	1	542	1,143	1,685	6	40	46	34	40	5	79	2	41	1,571
Hampshire,	18	17	8		2	4	1,068	1,835	2,903	16	64	93	41	53	4	95	6	84	2,259
Hampshire East,	18	15	5	1	2	6	984	1,768	2,812	117	55	172	46	89	8	143	26	108	3,016
Harmony,	15	14	8½		1	4	725	1,592	2,317	8	38	46	20	56	2	78	3	49	2,308
Mendon,	13	10	12½	3	1	6	426	1,121	1,547	34	35	69	18	42	4	64	14	59	2,111
Middlesex South,	12	10	5½	1	1		462	1,106	1 568	7	24	50	13	37	8	58	5	67	2,128
Middlesex Union,	16	13	10	2	1		971	1,756	2,727	25	55	80	40	50	9	99	8	78	2,452
Norfolk,	29	27	11	2		4	984	2,102	3.086	16	42	58	46	39	13	98	11	55	3,373
Old Colony,	13	12	10	1	2		475	1,286	1,761	15	32	47	18	13	4	35	5	59	1,260
Pilgrim,	10	7	12		3	4	314	674	988	7	13	20	12	17	4	33	5	19	653
Suffolk North,	17	16	7		1	7	1 056	2,401	3,460	47	146	193	30	218	7	255	14	115	3,269
Suffolk South,	15	13	8½		2	10	1,127	2.521	3,648	53	177	230	43	189	14	246	12	94	2,894
Taunton,	19	14	13	3	2		737	1,763	2,500	31	63	94	46	89	6	141	19	57	2,875
Vineyard Sound,	16	10	7	5	2		397	1,121	1,518	24	10	34	25	27	10	62	7	49	1,649
Woburn,	13	13	11	1			585	1,121	1,706	6	25	31	26	22	7	55	5	26	1,315
Worcester Central,	18	18	8			4	1,373	2.689	4,062	22	139	161	43	80	9	132	14	76	3,393
Worcester North,	12	12	4½			1	645	1,208	1,853	12	20	32	34	61	10	105	2	39	1,814
Total,	433	359	9⅛	43	39	68	19,933	42,776	62,769	635	1,582	2,255	869	1,637	180	2,697	225	1,585	61,409

REMARKS ON THE PRECEDING TABLES.

1. When the statistical returns came into the hands of the Publishing Committee, it was found that more than 100 of the churches, *or nearly one quarter of the whole number*, were not reported,—giving a most dreary aspect to the tables, and rendering them considerably worse than useless; for statistics that are not tolerably complete, as well as those that are not accurate, proclaim a *falsehood*, which insinuates itself into every calculation that is based upon them. The Committee therefore took the liberty to address a circular to each of their delinquent brethren; and they are happy to acknowledge that, in *most* instances, the desired information has been promptly furnished. It is deeply to be regretted, however, that there are still 28 churches from which no response has come, and which therefore can be exhibited in these tables only as so much—*vacancy*.

2. The average number of members in the 405 churches reported, is 155. If the other 28 are as large as their sister churches, the whole number of communicants within the bounds of the General Association is 67,109,—of which a fraction less than one third are *males*, and more than two thirds *females*. The removals during the year are 442 *more* than the admissions, in the churches that have made report.

3. It will be seen that the average length of time that the pastors have continued in their present locations is $9\frac{1}{8}$ years. But it must not be thence inferred that *one half* of them have reached that age. *Eleven* have been settled since the present year came in. The pastorate of 159 commenced this side of 1840; while only 29 were settled prior to 1820. *Nine* were in their present pastoral connections before 1800; and two venerable Fathers,—Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D. of Granville, and Rev. B. Wood of Upton,—preached their HALF-CENTURY sermons, the one in February and the other in June of the present year.

4. Of the 68 ministers here designated "*Without Pastoral Charge*," 35 are fully occupied in connection with literary institutions, benevolent societies, the religious press, or ministerial labor beyond the limits of the State. About 20 of the remaining 33, by reason of age or other causes, are not expecting to assume the pastoral office again, though continuing still to preach as occasional supplies.

5. In order to facilitate the rendering of full returns hereafter, the form of a schedule for the annual report is herewith printed on *writing paper*, and attached to the end of the Minutes, from which it can be easily separated, and filled out, and forwarded to those who are appointed to combine the statistics of their respective Associations. By a little economy in using the paper it may be found sufficiently spacious for the Associational Report.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transasting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put. The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a Committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16 Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us, are that this Association, and each

body connected with it, shall annually appoint Delegates to the other, which shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting, and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The Associational Sermon shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association. A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several

Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon, And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

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MINUTES.

THE General Association of Massachusetts convened at Worcester, in the Meeting-house of the First Parish, June 22, 1847, at five o'clock, P. M.; and was called to order by Rev. George P. Smith, pastor of the First Church.

Rev. Samuel C. Jackson was appointed Scribe, pro tempore.

Delegates.

The following persons presented certificates of their appointment as delegates to the Association:—

Andover Association,	Rev. Amos Blanchard, Rev. Samuel C. Jackson.
Berkshire Association,	Rev. Absalom Peters, D. D. Rev. Sidney Bryant.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Cyrus Stone, Rev. Charles C. Beaman.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. David N. Coburn, Rev. Levi Packard.
Essex North Association,	Rev. Nathan Monroe, Rev. Henry B. Smith.
Essex South Association,	None.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Austin Cary, Rev. Roger C. Hatch.
Hampden East Association,	Rev. E. B. Clark, Rev. R. H. Concklin.

Hampden West Association,	Rev. A. A. Wood, Rev. P. K. Clark.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Edward Clark, Rev. William Bement.
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Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. J. D. Farnsworth, Rev. O. G. Hubbard.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Daniel Huntington.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Sylvester Holmes, Rev. Daniel W. Poor.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Josiah L. Arms.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. Lyman Gilbert, Rev. I. P. Langworthy.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Nehemiah Adams, Rev. Edward Beecher, D. D.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Jonathan Crane, Rev. John C. Paine.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	Rev. Henry B. Hooker.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Barnabas M. Fay.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. Horatio Bardwell, Rev. Joseph W. Cross.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. William B. Stone, Rev. A. P. Marvin.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. Joseph S. Clark.

Ex Officio.

Rev. George P. Smith, Pastor of the First Church in Worcester, and Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., Secretary of General Association.

Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly (annual) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. D. X. Junkin.

General Convention of Vermont, Rev. H. N. Graves, and Rev. James Anderson.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Timothy A. Taylor.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Stephen I. Allen.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. S. W. S. Dutton, and Rev. Fosdick Harrison.

General Association of Illinois, Rev. Joseph Mason.

Honorary Members.

Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. S. S. Smith.

Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. John Fisk, D. D.

Delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Alexander J. Sessions.

Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. T. D. P. Stone.

Organization.

Rev. Absalom Peters, D. D., was chosen Moderator, Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, Scribe, and Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Committee on Elections.

Rev. Messrs. J. S. Clark, E. Beecher, and H. B. Hooker.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Messrs. S. Holmes, N. Monroe, and G. P. Smith.

Committee of Nomination.

Rev. Messrs. L. Packard, N. Adams, and A. Cary.

The first and second preachers before the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society having failed, Rev. Dr. Bushnell, of Connecticut, was invited by the Association to preach tomorrow evening, on the subject of Home Missions.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. Rules of the Association and the minutes of the previous session were read, when the roll was called.

Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

Report respecting a system to be observed in assigning the Associational preacher and the place of meeting, was committed to Dr. Snell, D. W. Poor, and A. Cary.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies the last year, reported their attendance upon those bodies according to appointment.

Report on the Bi-Centennial.

A report of a Committee, appointed last year, respecting the Bi-Centennial of the completion of the Cambridge Platform, was presented, accepted and laid on the table; the report being adverse to the proposed commemoration.

The following Committees were appointed:—

To prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion,—Messrs. H. B. Hooker, H. Bardwell, Wm. Bement, L. Gilbert, D. X. Junkin, and S. W. S. Dutton.

On Accounts,—Rev. R. C. Hatch and O. G. Hubbard.

To nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies,—Rev. John Woodbridge, D. D., S. Holmes, I. P. Langworthy, G. E. Day, and A. A. Wood.

Alteration of the 25th Rule.

The Committee on the mode of choosing the preacher and the place of meeting, made a report, which was adopted, that the 25th Rule of the Body be changed to read thus:—"The several Associations shall have the offer of receiving, in rotation, the annual meeting of the General Association, and each one, in turn, shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, which shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which, &c.

Voted, That the order of the Associations, assigning the preacher and place of meeting, shall be inserted in the Minutes.

A Committee of the Worcester North Association, consisting of Messrs. Lewis Sabin, R. M. Chipman, and S. S. Smith, were appointed to prepare a Pastoral Address for the next year.

Messrs. N. Adams, Cary, Beecher, Day, and the Moderator, were chosen a Committee to consider a communication from the Franklin Association, on the subject of improving the spirit and character of the meetings of this Body.

Choice of Secretary.

Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., was elected Secretary of the Association for the ensuing three years.

Pastoral Letter.

The Pastoral Address was read by Rev. Amos Bullard.

Voted, That it be approved and printed with the Minutes.

Place of next Meeting.

Voted, That the next Annual Meeting of the Association be held at Chelsea.

Next Associational Preacher.

Voted, That the Worcester Central Association appoint the next Associational preacher from their own body.

Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the publication and distribution of the Minutes be committed to a Publishing Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. S. Clark, S. C. Jackson, and Dr. Beecher.

Bi-Centennial.

The report on the Bi-Centennial of the completion of the Cambridge Platform was taken up, and it was voted that it be adopted and the Committee be discharged; whereupon the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Whereas the meeting of the Synod which framed the Cambridge Platform in 1648, is regarded by the members of this

Body as an event of permanent interest in its relations, not only to our present Ecclesiastical polity, but to the extension of Christ's kingdom in the earth,—Resolved, That it be recommended to the pastors connected with the General Association of Massachusetts, to notice the approaching Bi-Centennial of that meeting, on the last Sabbath in August, 1848, in a discourse to their respective congregations, on the history, progress and principles of Congregationalism; or in such other way as each may deem appropriate.

Preacher on Home Missions.

Rev. E. Smalley was appointed first preacher, and Rev. S. Sweetser second preacher, before the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society for the next year.

Addresses in behalf of Benevolent Societies.

The Association was addressed by Rev. Mr. Bernheim, a converted Jew, in behalf of the Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews; by Rev. J. Leavitt, on the subject of giving the Bible to the slaves; by Rev. Mr. Hovey, on missions to the emancipated slaves in the West Indies; by the Rev. Dr. Tenny, in behalf of the Colonization Society; by the Rev. Dr. Baird, in behalf of the Foreign Evangelical Society; by Rev. Mr. Bushnell, in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society; by the Rev. Mr. Holmes, in behalf of the American Bible Society; and by Rev. Mr. Tappan, in behalf of the American Sabbath School Union.

Resolution on the Jews.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the cheering news of the ingathering of the first fruits of the House of Israel in Europe and in our own country, and that we commend the cause of the conversion of Israel, and the Rev. John H. Bernheim, agent of the Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews, to the confidence, prayer and liberality of our churches, and to our brethren in the ministry.

Resolution on the Foreign Evangelical Enterprise.

Resolved, That the Association have heard with interest from the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. Baird, an account of the objects and operations of the Foreign Evangelical So-

ciety, and recommend that institution to the sympathy, prayers, and support of the churches.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment. The afternoon was devoted to hearing Narratives of the state of Religion in district Associations, and in other parts of our country. Dr. Hewett, of Connecticut, was also heard on the subject of a new law for restraining the evils of intemperance.

Adjourned to meet at 7¾ this evening.

Wednesday evening, 7¾. Met according to adjournment.

A sermon on the subject of Home Missions was preached by Rev. Dr. Bushnell, from Judges xvii: 13, and a collection was taken amounting to $41,75.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding day were read.

Resolutions on giving the Bible to Slaves.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. N. Adams, W. Bement, and S. C. Jackson, reported the following resolutious on the subject of giving the Bible to the slaves, of our country, which were adopted unanimously. Resolved,—

1. That every member of the human family, bond or free, has right to the Bible.

2. That any system which can exist only by keeping men in ignorance and withholding from them the Word of God, must be an abomination in the sight of Heaven, and should be so in the view of all men.

3. That the readiness of the American Bible Society to furnish Bibles for the supply of the Slaves is recognized by us with the greatest satisfaction, and we earnestly recommend that the patrons of the Society provide the means to effect this object so far as Providence shall open the door.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Franklin Association, presented their report, which, with an additional suggestion relating to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, was recommitted to the same Committee,

with instructions to alter the Rules of the Association in accordance with the Report, and to present it at the opening of the next annual meeting of this Association ;—it being understood that the proposition in it to alter the Rules has had a first reading.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. William Bement, approved, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies made the following report, which was adopted :—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Annual,)

Rev. E. Davis,
Rev. J. Nelson, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
Rev. A. A. Wood, } Substitutes.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Triennial.)

Rev. J. D. Condit,
Rev. A. Ely, D. D. } Primaries.
Rev. A. Peters, D. D.
Rev. Francis Horton, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. E. N. Kirk,
Rev. J. L. Taylor, } Primaries.
Rev. B. Emerson, D. D.
Rev. H. B. Hooker, } Substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. A. M. Colton,
Rev. S. Washburn, } Primaries.
Rev. S. Holmes,
Rev. E. Russell, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. James Bates,
Rev. E. W. Bullard, } Primaries.
Rev. George Fisher,
Rev. Israel W. Putnam, } Substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. L. L. Langstroth, } Primaries.
Rev. J. C. Webster, }
Rev. Henry Durant, } Substitutes.
Rev. E. Dowse, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. N. Gale, } Primaries.
Rev. S. Sweetser, }
Rev. I. P. Langworthy, } Substitutes.
Rev. Cyrus Stone, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. J. G. Hall, } Primaries.
Rev. M. G. Pratt, }
Rev. S. Osgood, D. D. } Substitutes.
Rev. E. Y. Swift, }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. L. Sabin, } Primaries.
Rev. H. James, }
Rev. J. W. Ward, } Substitutes.
Rev. Alvan Cobb, }

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. J. F. Stearns, Primary.
Rev. Elijah Dexter, Substitute.

To the General Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. Daniel Huntington.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East, for 1848.

Rev. George E. Day, Primary.
Rev. Nathan Monroe, Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. John Todd, D. D.

Resolutions on Peace.

Resolved, That, as followers and ministers of the Prince of Peace, we deeply deplore our present war with Mexico, as in-

consistent with the religion we profess, and a most prolific source of evils, especially to the spiritual interests of our country.

Resolved, That, in view of such a war involving our nation in its guilt, and occurring at the present day, after all the light which has been shed upon the wickedness and evils of the custom, Christians should make increased exertions to overspread our whole country with the pacific spirit and principles of the gospel, in the hope of thus preventing similar evils in future.

Resolved, That, in view of the war spirit that has so unexpectedly burst forth in various parts of our land, and exerted, for the time, an influence so pernicious upon vast masses of our population, special efforts should be made by ministers of the gospel, teachers in Sabbath schools, and other Christians concerned in educating the young, to guard them, in particular, against the delusions of war, and fill their opening minds with the peaceful principles of the gospel.

Resolved, That, from resolutions adopted by ecclesiastical bodies, and opinions expressed by the religious press, and in other ways, we are happy in the belief, that the Christian bodies with whom we are in fellowship, are united with us in deploring this war, and in special prayer, which we think incumbent upon all Christians in our country, that it may soon be brought to an amicable close, and be followed by lasting and general peace.

Resolved, That we fully approve the practice, heretofore recommended by this and other ecclesiastical bodies, of ministers preaching, at least once a year, on the subject of peace, and churches observing the annual Concert of Prayer for the universal prevalence of peace on earth.

Resolutions on Colonization.

Whereas the American Colonization Society has established, on the Western Coast of Africa, the Colony of Liberia, which, notwithstanding some errors of management and some unavoidable calamities, has been, on the whole, successful and useful, furnishing a satisfactory home to several thousands of free colored people and emancipated slaves, excluding slavery from the soil which it occupies, expelling the slave-trade from several hundred miles of coast, preventing wars, and promoting the extension of civilization and Christianity among the natives ;—

And whereas, though the free people of color in the United

States have an undoubted right to remain in this, their native land, and to receive kind, courteous, and Christian treatment; yet, as their actual condition is in many respects disadvantageous, and notwithstanding all that they or we can do, is likely to remain so for an indefinite time to come, while such of them as are of suitable character may improve their condition and increase their usefulness by emigrating to the land of their fathers;—

Resolved, That such of them as desire to emigrate, ought to be encouraged, and if they need it, aided in their enterprise.

And whereas we are informed that several hundreds of slaves have the offer of freedom on condition of emigrating to Liberia, and that the said slaves are desirous to avail themselves of that offer;—

Resolved, That, while we reaffirm all that we have said in former years, condemning the institution of slavery and deprecating its continuance; and while we do not admit that any condition ought to be annexed to the offer of freedom; yet, in the judgment of this Association, such slaves as have the said conditional offer and choose to accept it, ought to receive such assistance as they need for that purpose.

Resolved, That it be suggested, as heretofore, to pastors and churches friendly to this work, to aid it by taking up collections in behalf of the funds of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, on or near the anniversary of our National Independence, or in such other way or at such other time as each may find most convenient.

Resolutions on Dr. Hewit's form of Statute.

Resolved, That this Association approve of the views which have been exhibited to them on the subject of legislation for the prevention of the evils of intemperance, and would commend to the attention of the ministers of this State, and of the other bodies in correspondence with us, the Form of Statutes on this subject which has been explained to them by the Rev. Dr. Hewit.

Resolved, That the Form of Petition and Statutes proposed, be published in connection with the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Treasurer's Account.

The Committee to audit accounts reported, that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, found them correct, and

that there is the sum of $86,19 in the treasury. They recommend that a tax of twenty-five cents be assessed on each member of the several Associations for the ensuing year, which was adopted.

Agent for distributing the Minutes.

Rev. J. S. Clark was appointed to superintend the distribution of the Minutes, in accordance with the 31st Rule.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Beecher, J. Haven, D. W. Poor, J. Crane, and G. E. Day, was raised to consider what measures are desirable to secure the attention, sympathies, and coöperation of the younger members of our congregations, and enlist our young men in the service of Christ;—to report or not, next year, as they may think expedient.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. George P. Smith and the people of Worcester, for the liberal Christian hospitality shown to this Body during the present meeting, and also to the Choir of the First Church for their very acceptable service; and that the Rev. Mr. Smith be requested to communicate the same as he may think proper.

After spending a short season in devotional exercises, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Sermon and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

2 *o'clock, P. M.* Met according to adjournment, and heard the Associational Sermon, from Rev. A. Peters, D. D., of Williamstown; which was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Ethan Smith, and D. X. Junkin.

After singing the Doxology, voted to adjourn.

A. PETERS, *Moderator.*
S. C. JACKSON, *Scribe.*
J. S. CRARK, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The past year has been one of deep importance, in respect to the progress of the kingdom of heaven in our Zion. The agitations and discussions and sifting of unsound materials out of our churches, which have marked the history of several preceding years, are now developing some happy results. Our churches generally are reported as being at the present time unusually favored in respect to the soundness in doctrine, to the proper appreciation of the divinely established institutions of religion and means of spiritual improvement, and measures to be employed for reforming society, which are now generally exhibited by our members. The diminution of the number of members in a church, instances of which are occasionally occurring, may be of as much advantage to it, as an addition of members, when that diminution is caused by a separation of the precious from the vile. The love of truth and good order, the increasing attachment to the faith of our fathers, as embodied in the Assembly's Catechism, and the high degree of harmony and mutual confidence declared to exist among the pastors and members of churches in the various district Associations, almost universally give promise of precious fruits in years to come. And equally indicative of good are the assurances we receive of an increased attention in many of our congregations, upon the public worship of God, and a deepening interest manifesting itself in the thorough religious training of the young, not only by the aid of Sabbath schools, but also, as far as we are informed, by a more careful attention to family religious instruction. We think we can perceive in the reports of the past year God's wise design, that in these days the field

shall be prepared and the seed sown, and now the indications of his providence unite with the promise in his word, to assure us, that he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him. And while this work of preparation is going forward to its accomplishment, we trust that prayer will be made to God, without ceasing, for those divine influences, which like the benignant showers of heaven, will make the heritage of the Lord to bud and blossom as the rose, and so that the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon.

Indeed these anticipations are beginning already to be in some measure realized. For, while the greatest portion of our churches have not, during the past year, enjoyed in any marked degree the special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, there have begun to fall, in numerous instances, the gentle dews of heavenly influence, and in others, there has been awakened a spirit of earnest prayer, a longing expectation for the year of the right hand of the Most High ; and in not an inconsiderable number of churches, there has already been experienced, in a happy measure, the presence of the Almighty Spirit bringing souls out of darkness into marvellous light. Revivals of religion are reported in some of the churches in Brewster, Franklin, Hampden West, Hampshire, Hampshire East, Harmony, Mendon, Middlesex South, Middlesex Union, Old Colony, and Vineyard Sound Associations, while Berkshire Association has been blessed with a very happy and extended work, reaching in its cheering course twelve congregations, and scattering its drops of mercy upon several others. The aggregate of souls giving evidence of having been born from above, in those twelve congregations, is more than five hundred. It is eminently cheering to learn, that the spirit of God has been poured upon a large proportion of the most important Seminaries of learning in the Commonwealth which are more immediately under the influence of our denomination, among which we particularly notice Williams College, the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, and the Young Ladies Institute at Pittsfield. Remembering these facts, and considering the stable and increasing energy of our churches, as reported to us on every hand, in the promotion of temperance, in the rescue of the Sabbath from profanation, in securing a more general attendance on public worship, in sustaining the objects of Christian benevolence, and in their opposition to the fearful national sins of slavery and war—as well as in augmenting their own aggregate moral power by the formation of several new churches,

we are constrained devoutly to thank God, in view of the present aspects of our Zion, and to go ourselves and invite our fathers and brethren to go with new zeal and faith and energy into this great and blessed work of winning souls to Christ, in making our Commonwealth a great scene of the triumph of truth and righteousness, and a more powerful and efficient agent than ever, in sending forth enlightening and sanctifying influences upon our country and the world. The lights and shadows which have marked our own Zion for the past year have been a specimen of a similar state of things, in regard to those other portions of the country represented in this body. They have had occasion to mourn the suspension of the influences of the Spirit of God, and have spoken in sorrow of spiritual declension. Yet there has come up to us from different and distant portions of the land, much gratifying intelligence concerning the prosperity of Zion. One half of the Congregational churches in Rhode Island have enjoyed revivals of religion, and twenty churches in Connecticut have been favored with the same blessing; while, from all the portions of Zion in correspondence with us, the assurance has been given that, on the whole, the great interests of the kingdom of Christ are steadily advancing.

It has been cheering to us to learn, that, in respect to slavery, war, intemperance, and other great evils of the land, the great body of the friends of Christ are obtaining clearer and better views, are becoming more harmonious in reference to the wisest and best modes of opposing them, and more enlightened, resolute, and decided, in seeking to bring them utterly to an end, and to hasten the arrival of that latter day, when there shall be nothing to hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren,—

In the counsels given you by this Association in years past, you have been faithfully warned against outward dangers, as well as reminded of inward deficiencies; and those fraternal admonitions, we trust, have contributed to your spiritual safety and prosperity.

From the signs of the times, as indicating the present condition of the churches within our bounds, it seems to us, that the main causes of their general depression lie in themselves. As a famine or a pestilence may arise from causes operating silently and unseen, so, we believe, a spiritual dearth and wasting may befal the Church, not so much from the crusades of her enemies, or any temptations from without, as from deplorable evils or defects within—we mean in the *very hearts of her members*. External assaults and perils, it is true, may prove disastrous because they are not duly shunned or resisted; whilst if all were sound and pure and strong *within*, they would prove no more than a wholesome and invigorating discipline. The subject then on which we are now to address you, is the fundamental virtue of *Christian Love considered with respect to its magnanimity or essential greatness*. By way of illustration we remark,—

1. That Christian love *nourishes liberal and magnanimous sentiments in general*. With respect to those who claim the praise of liberality for laxness of opinion, or for an ample scepticism rather than for a broad and deep faith, we do not admit their claim. If those who can see no attribute of God but

paternal tenderness, no evil in man deeper than a misfortune, who regard much of the Scriptures as fabulous, and have little dread of error as opposed to truth and fatal to man's welfare, if such require us to call them liberal, we cannot so desecrate that noble word. In that so-called charity, whose impulses, if not indulgent to sin, are at least adverse to justice, and which imagines that benevolence is incompatible with punishment, we see not magnanimity, but partiality and gross delusion. True Christian love presents no feature thus deformed. It is, like the love of Christ, a world-wide but well-proportioned affection. You may see in it the sterner looks of righteousness and the divine law, blending harmoniously with the milder light of mercy and forgiveness. We call that mind magnanimous which embraces *all* the great principles of moral goodness, and holds them in their true relations—a holy regard for right and for justice, in perfect symmetry with benevolence and compassion. It is a mind that sees at once how a gospel of peace on earth and good will to men, must of necessity wage a war of extermination against error and sin.

As every eye delights in the flowers and the stars, all hearts blessing them as beautiful, so we have a like universal testimony to the nobleness of Christian love. This is the essential power and transcendent charm of moral excellence. What heart ever felt it without being strengthened in the highest virtues, or what eye ever saw it but with admiration and pleasure? How masterly in its *kindness*—kindness not only where there is much to win kindness, but where there is much to provoke anger—kindness as real to opponents and enemies as to partisans and friends—kindness not less in reproving and punishing than in praising and rewarding—and kindness not more under smiles and gifts than under insults and abuse. How magnanimous is love, when by a soft answer it turneth away wrath, or by some noble sacrifice ruleth out strife, and by "a serene and majestic patience," overcometh evil with good! This is the restorer of harmony to seats of discord, and of all pleasant paths to dwell in. Without it Christian alliances, brotherhoods and sacred leagues of peace will fall asunder, as flax at the touch of fire. In its perfection it is the most glorious attribute of God, and in its imperfection the superlative grace of man. This is the beauty and the greatness which we see in the character of Christ. And if there be any similitude of the same in us, it is the enlargement and adorning of his love.

2. We observe more definitely, that Christian love *disposes the mind to comprehensive views of duty.* He who has a small heart for Christian enterprise and labor, will often fail to see his duty even when it lies in plain sight. He will be apt to ask, how *little* effort and true Christian manhood may be sufficient to screen my character from public disgrace? In how much indolence may I indulge myself, and yet be saved, though as by fire? But he who has a large heart for Christian exertions and sacrifices, will not be thus contracted in his views of duty, nor thus narrow in his dealings with his Redeemer and a suffering world. Any conscious withholding from the cause of Christ more than is meet, would cost him as deep a pang of guilt and blush of shame as an act of common fraud which brands the doer of it as a knave. The man whose heart has been enlarged by Christian love, will not measure his duty nor estimate his character by the standard of human laws and opinions, nor by the pigmy stature of some around him called Christians; but by the only true standard, the divine law—the example of Christ. He will not imagine himself holy because he abstains from things forbidden, whilst he omits to do what God commands him. Liberalized by Christian love, he will not think himself a good man for his proper acts of devotion in the sanctuary, the family, and the closet, so long as he is unfaithful in the weightier matters of justice, mercy, and the love of God. No more will he deem it Christian virtue to exert himself in any moral enterprises, whilst he neglects the ordinances of Christ and the means of grace; for he knows that Christ enjoins diligence in both of these departments of holy action. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Have we not reason to fear that there are many in our churches whose views of duty are partial and illiberal, because their vision is dim from a scanty light glow, or else cut off in the midst by some beclouding lust? Urge them to look abroad and survey the whole scope of their duty, and they seem to look as through a long and slender tube, discerning only here and there a spot in the wide landscape. But if Christ spoke truly when he said, "The field is the world," how can it be so circumscribed? Brethren, what is your heart's response to his command, that you give the gospel to every creature? In what measure do you sympathize with him, in that he suffered and died for *all men?* And how much does your soul yearn to do for them, even beyond your ability? For in such measure, we think, you have the magnanimity of Christian love.

3. We may see the greatness of true benevolence, *when contrasted with its opposite, or the want of it.* Our Saviour took some pains to unfold this matter. Away with your tradition, that one may admit only neighbors and friends into the inclosure of his affections, repelling strangers and foes, and yet be a good man. I tell you that this is doing no better than those wretches, the publicans. If you confer benefits only for some *requital*, where is your virtue? For there is no man too vicious to do that. It is not above the philanthropy of banditti. I charge you to enlarge your affections, and love your enemies; "do good and lend, *hoping for nothing again*, and ye shall be the children of the Highest." In magnanimity of disposition, you shall resemble God; for it is on this principle of gracious love, that he is eternally acting.

The contrast between this and its opposite, may be seen in living examples. The man who is wanting in Christian love, is not the man to bless them that curse him, or to be bounteous expecting no recompense. He is not a true peacemaker; for though he may advocate peace when he deems it politic, or when weary of the confused noise of the battle and of garments rolled in blood, yet sooner than make any great and benevolent *sacrifices* for peace, he would see every delightsome land filled with carnage and desolation. And when this man is found in the Church, as we grieve to say he sometimes is, does he ever pray, "Father, forgive them?" Is his breath ever fragrant with an humble and quiet spirit, that most beautiful ornament of the inner temple? Is there in him *any* element of the magnanimity of Christ? So far from it, that he is unmerciful, and will hardly feed the hungry or succor the distressed, when there is no eye to see but the Omniscient. You remember the story of a man wounded by robbers and left by the way-side half dead. *Why* do the priest and the Levite pass by and move not a finger to lift up that bleeding stranger? Ah! he is not of their rank nor tribe, but only "a *certain man*," peradventure an Ethiopian, or an East Indian—how can he *remunerate* them for their trouble and cost? O the cruelty of a soul without love! But when the Samaritan comes, he binds up the sufferer's wounds, caring for no expense of oil and wine, or other means of soothing and healing. "When he saw him, he had compassion on him." There was the secret. No matter from what continent or island the afflicted wayfarer may have come. It is enough for a loving heart, that he is a fellow-man in distress. For the unloving soul, nothing is enough but a substantial *equivalent* for all that

may be done or given. At the sight of suffering, the one swells with pity and generosity, whilst the other is benumbed and shrivelled up by the chill of selfishness. The one encircles every human being in its tender mercies—the other knows no fellowship nor charity beyond a sect or a clan.

Now are not these opposite extremes of character, with various intermediate grades, to be found even in the churches of Christ? Have we not some poor widows who will cast in much into the Lord's treasury, and some rich men who will cast in nothing, not because they are rich, but because they are straitened in their own bowels? Know we not some Macedonian Christians who are ready, even beyond their power, for all bountiful deeds whereby they may feed Christ when hungry, or visit him when sick and in prison? But others we know, whom all the appeals that lips divine may utter, will not move to any such good works, nor restrain from plundering God and his poor. It is the amazing difference between love and the want of it. Will not the generous Mary, *loving much*, pour out upon her Saviour's head the very costly spikenard, and its odor fill the house, as the sweetness of her own good name shall fill all the world? But he who keeps the bag, a soul that loves neither God nor man—he will call her wasteful, and pretend to chide her on the ground of *principle*, saying, the box should have been sold for the comfort of the poor—not that he cares for the poor—but his real vexation is, that the avails in silver can never be clutched by his own greedy fingers. So magnanimous is the soul that has love—so griping and unrelenting is the soul without it.

4. Christian love is *the main element of that greatness which lies in the true service of Christ.* When his disciples were contending, who of them should be the greatest, and he said to them, "Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all," he meant to define the highest style of human greatness, the greatness of *benevolent serving.* It is the greatness of condescension, not of arrogance—of forgiveness, not of retaliation—of comforting and blessing, not of treading down and destroying. Now we hold it as an axiom, that the essence of this greatness is Christian love. As a mind continually introverted, and, in melancholy, brooding upon itself, is thereby contracted and belittled, so the heart that locks itself up, barring out the appeals of human suffering, and keeping its affections nestling within, becomes cold and dead as by a spiritual apoplexy. But as a mind, whose energies leap

forth in the study of great things, losing thought of itself in the heights and depths around it, is thereby enlarged and ennobled, so when the heart flows out in love, yearning to bless even where its blessings may be repelled with curses, then is the soul great—great in its issues and workings, but greater still in its unresting desire to do good.

Satan's principle of greatness is, *bow down and serve me;* and it is this that has filled the earth with violence, and piled a thousand battle-fields with slaughtered men, even since the Christian era. But Christ's philosophy of greatness we learn from the voice of his love, *let me bow and serve you.* This is the love which moved him to taste death for every man. This is that charity which is greater than faith or hope, and without which no vows, nor knowledge, nor zeal, nor gifts, nor talents of angels, can make us true Christians. Behold it in Christ, as he takes upon himself the form of a servant, as he girds himself and stoops to wash the feet of his disciples. O how little is heard or seen of it! When will the children of light abjure the stupendous folly of imagining that there is true greatness in wealth, unless devoted to a benevolent service? Or in power and conquest, except the power of truth and the conquest of love? When, brethren, shall the same mind be in us, which was in Christ Jesus? When shall the same love so reign in every church, as to make it first pure, then peaceable, full of mercy and good fruits? For in what, more than in this, lay the greatness of Christ, which even his enemies are constrained reluctantly to eulogize? Had there not been, in his actions and sufferings, an all-conquering love, who would ever extol his magnanimity? Every voice that ever praised him would be hushed. All the moral sublimity of his character would vanish, and even the glory of his cross would be extinguished.

We would here say a word about noble *sacrifices* in the service of Christ. To elevate and ennoble a creature so fallen and degenerate as man, the discipline of self-denial is indispensable. As great physical exertion is necessary for the full symmetry and strength of the body, and as much intellectual effort is requisite for the highest capacities of the mind, does not nature herself teach that man's moral recovery and advancement must be in obedience to the same law? Who of the ancient saints grew to the stature of great men in Christ, but by severe trials of their faith and patience? And who of us, without a similar discipline, can attain the same spiritual manhood? For if the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffer-

ings, how can we be worthy of him, unless we take up the cross and follow him? How can we reign with him, unless we suffer? How shall we resemble him in magnanimity, unless, like the Apostles, we receive the baptism of his love, so as to count it all joy to drink somewhat of the same cup of affliction? As in nothing was he greater than in the sacrifice to which he was prompted by redeeming benevolence, so by nothing is the soul of his disciple made greater than by the spontaneous sacrifices of Christian love.

Again, Christian love is *the mainspring of true Christian courage*. The Christian fears God, with a holy and tender fear, in proportion as he loves him; and the more he has of this fear, the less is it possible for him to fear man unduly; and this is one of the senses in which "perfect love casteth out fear." It is true, that the Christian's Master is the Prince of peace; and yet he came not to send peace on the earth, but a sword, and every one who serves him, must *endure hardness* as a good soldier. But if, with the meekness of a lamb, he would have also the boldness of a lion, he must have a heart of great love. This is not more essential to Christian gentleness and forbearance, than to holy indignation and effective courage.

Moved by its power, we shall not more heartily say, "Who is weak and I am not weak," than "who is offended and I burn not?" We remember that the Christian is to leave off contention before it be meddled with; and yet he is to contend earnestly, and his life must be one of conflicts. We do not forget that the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle to all men; and yet, if he strive not for masteries, and that lawfully, he will never be crowned. We will not forget that he must be very lowly in heart, pitiful, and forgiving; and yet he is to win by fighting, and his soul is to tread down strength in the fiercest of battles. But wanting in love, how can his soul be fortified and emboldened to deeds of valor in the Christian warfare? Will he ever plant the banner of the Cross on any rampart of sin, whilst he falters and quivers before a face of mere clay? What will this pusillanimous man, who, instead of putting on the whole armor of God and *standing*, flees from the darts and quails even at the sneers of the enemy—what will he achieve for the cause of Christ, nay, what disaster will he not bring upon it, until he has more of the magnanimous courage of Christian love? Without this, nothing will induce him to enlist in the warfare with a hearty devotion to it. Without this, he will not be duly affected by the moral grandeur of *the cause* for which he is called to contend. But loving much, he

will feel that it is a cause in which the hosts of error and legions of sin are marshalled against the dearest rights of all good beings. Loving much, he will have some right enthusiam in an enterprise by which not only myriads of immortal souls are to be rescued from the worst captivity, but by which the citadel of his own soul, the dwellings of the innocent and the homes of the angels are to be defended. Loving much, he will feel that he contends for a *liberty* a thousand-fold nobler and sweeter than was ever the prize of an earthly victor. Loving much, he will no more resemble the man who loves little, than *Mr. Greatheart*, who smote down the grim giants obstructing his way, resembled one *Timorous* frightened by the lions, though chained and sleeping. Loving much, he will catch the spirit of those brave old warriors of whom the world was not worthy, who waxed valiant in fight, and, though slain, subdued kingdoms. Loving much, he will stand in the same line of battle with the true martyrs, who encountered all dangers and forms of death, saying, "None of these things move me"—who met every instrument of torture, which tyrants and devils could invent, and in the closest fight, under the shield of faith, fell, but conquered. O ye soldiers of Christ, are you faint and afraid? What! are not your weapons a panoply of etherial temper? Are not your companions in arms, those who bore the heroic heart of magnanimous love? Have you a wavering confidence in that glorious leader who has trodden the wine-press alone—who scales before you the perilous steep —who stands before you in "the imminent deadly breach," and vanquishes your mightiest foes? Do you not know that he has infinite genius and strength, and holds in his hands all the elements of good fortune? Surely, if out of *love* you have entered the army of him to whom all the redeemed look up as their invincible and adorable champion, then, instead of trembling in dismay before the enemy's front, you will rush forth to the conflict, and so, by Christian love, will conquer through him who giveth you the victory.

Finally, the loving heart will aspire to a *high standard of holy activity* in the service of Christ. In nothing is the heavenly so much above the earthly as in the beneficent energies of Christian love. How it transforms the haughty sluggard into a lowly servant meet for the kingdom of heaven! Incited by it, he will no more linger about the vineyard when Christ bids him enter and work there, than he would mingle in the circles of the impious. As in the mother, so in the Christian, love says ever to its object, let me toil, let me suffer, and sometimes

let me die for you. In the intense activity of a soul quickened by Christian love—an activity in which indeed love finds its only true and happy rest—in this we see *celestial* greatness. For what is heaven, but the spirit and the delight of serving with immortal vigor springing from holy love? Why do the angels abide always in the effulgence of divine glory, but because they have joy in serving? What! are they not all *ministering* spirits, serving in the depth and fervor of their love? Only suppose this to be subtracted from their character. To what end would be their exalted intelligence, their excelling strength and rapidity of motion? What would become of their resplendent purity, their blissful alacrity in perfect obedience? How soon would those voices, ever most eloquent in praise, be silent! No more anthems of "glory to God in the highest"—no more rejoicing at the repentance of a single sinner. No more, with swift wing and beautiful humility, would they visit the poor saint below, to strengthen him in his weakness, to succor him in his conflicts, or to comfort him in sorrow. In what then is the angel greatest, but in that heavenly love which actuates him in his eternal ministerings? Or what is the sublimest magnanimity of Christ, but that mighty love which moved him to go down through the depths of his unparalleled humiliation and suffering? Who then shall be the greatest on earth, but he, who, from the deepest love, shall be the humblest servant of all?

Brethren, let us lay the subject to heart. What is the strength and the beauty of our churches—how great the moral power they are exerting! For this is the power of love. It was an infidel prince, who uttered the memorable exclamation, "Behold how these Christians love one another!" Unbelieving and hardened as he was, he could still feel, nay, he could not *help* feeling some admiration of that which excites all heaven to eternal activity in goodness. And if the principalities of sin are to feel, from us, the power of Christian virtue, they must behold, in our lives, the power of Christian love. What fruit, then, are we bearing under the culture of superabounding grace bestowed upon us? What is the measure of our self-denial, our courage, and our endeavors in the service of Christ? Is the sword of the spirit so wielded by us as to be constantly aggressive and victorious? Whilst more and wider fields are opening, whilst the Macedonian cry is becoming louder and more importunate, and our means of doing good are increasing, in what ratio is our *beneficence* increasing? For such is the measure of our Christian love. When the enchantress of this

world weaves her spells most cunningly, or sings her incantations most temptingly, do we steadfastly resist her seductive arts? If not, we want the strong safeguard of Christian love. And is not here our *great* deficiency—that which is the main cause of our feebleness and declension? Who of us has no need to say to his own soul, be thou enlarged and filled with that love which will assimilate thee to thy Redeemer? Let the world see among us no strife, who shall be the greatest, except in lowly serving—washing one another's feet. "Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." O for that greatness which has its emblem in the innocence of a little child!—the nobleness of toiling, daring, suffering for the happiness of fallen and sorrowing men! O for the magnanimity and the blessedness which dwell in long-suffering love! For this is the magnanimity of Christ—this is the blessedness of heaven. Let us cherish it, brethren, for our highest joy is the joy of love. Our noblest freedom is that of hearts made free by love, the blissful and glorious freedom of angels and of God. Let us cherish it, that we may no more grieve the Holy Spirit, that the early and the latter rain may descend upon us, that the garden of the Lord may bloom, and the fruit thereof shake like Lebanon, that our peace may be as a river, and our righteousness as the waves of the sea. Then shall we be prepared to dwell forever where every heart and voice—where all the air and all the light is love.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

Cr.

June 24, 1846.	To balance in the Treasury,	$78 36	
" 24, 1847.	Received from the several District Associations, as follows: viz. from		
	Andover Association,	6 00	
	Berkshire,	12 00	
	Brewster,	5 50	
	Brookfield,	7 00	
	Essex North,	9 00	
	Essex South,	0 00	
	Franklin,	9 00	
	Hampden East,	6 50	
	Hampden West,	6 00	
	Hampshire,	7 00	
	Hampshire East,	8 50	
	Harmony,	8 00	
	Mendon,	6 50	
	Middlesex South,	6 00	
	Middlesex Union,	7 00	
	Norfolk,	15 00	
	Old Colony,	5 00	
	Pilgrim,	5 00	
	Suffolk North,	10 00	
	Suffolk South,	7 00	
	Taunton,	7 00	
	Vineyard Sound,	4 50	
	Woburn,	5 00	
	Worcester Central,	10 00	
	Worcester North,	5 50	256 36

Contra, Dr.

July, 1846.	Paid to Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, in advance, by the hand of Rev. Mr. Gilbert,	$10 00	
	Postage on letters,	50	
Aug. 8, "	Expenses of the substitute of the Secretary in attending meeting at Pepperill,	4 00	
June, 1847.	Paid to Rev. Mr. Clark, for Freight on bundles,	2 67	
	Expenses of Secretary, in attending meeting of the Body in 1847,	3 00	
	Outstanding accounts, perhaps	150 00	170 17
	Balance in the Treasury,		$81 19

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

R. C. HATCH,
O. G. HUBBARD, } *Auditors.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arranged in the Alphabetical order of the several District Associations.

N. B. The columns denoting Parishes, Ministers, and date of Settlement, correspond with the facts as they were supposed to exist when the last meeting of the General Association was held, June, 1847. The number of Communicants are reported for 1st January preceding. The Admissions, Removals, and Baptisms, are designed to cover the year 1846. The Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes embrace both teachers and pupils who usually attend these exercises. In a *few* instances the number of church members has been supplied from the returns of the previous year—though not till all reasonable efforts have failed to secure the present number.

1. ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	155	348	503	2	4	6	5	25		30	1	8	350
" West,	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	58	143	201	3	2	5	2	20	4	26	1	9	300
" North,	Wm. T. Briggs,	Nov. 4, 1846	13	45	58										80
Chelmsford, North,	Benj. F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	38	55	93				1	1		2			100
Dracut, West,	Joseph Merrill,	April 20, 1842	31	54	85	1	3	4	2	6		8	2	3	
" Evan. ch.	Vacant,		30	60	90										120
Lawrence,	Lyman Whiting,	June 16, 1847	*12	18	30										
Lowell, 1st ch.	Willard Child,	April 8, 1846													
" Appleton-st. c.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	70	380	450										
" John-st. ch.	Stedman W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	96	429	525	2	16	18	2	65		67	2	5	300
" Kirk-st. ch.	Amos Blanchard,	May 21, 1845	50	156	206	10	32	42	2	11		13		4	350
" High-st. ch.	Timothy Atkinson,	Feb. 25, 1846	29	58	87	1	5	6	1	2		3		3	150
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	66	133	199	2	2	4	4	1		5		2	300
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 22, 1806													
	Moses Kimball,	Feb. 24, 1847	78	96	174				4	3		7		4	
Total, 14	14		726	1975	2701	21	64	85	23	134	4	161	6	38	2770

* Church organized April 9, 1847.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Justin Edwards, D. D., Andover; Milton Badger, D. D., New York; Jesse Page, Atkinson, N. H.

2. BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	42	93	135	1	10	11	2	10		12	1	9	115
" South,	Stillman Pratt,	June 11, 1845	15	39	54	19	3	22					13	1	100
Alford,	A. L. Crandall,	Stated supply.	* 4	13	17	3	14	17							40
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	71	154	225	11		11	4			4	5	7	173
Dalton,	Vacant,														
Egremont,	John G. Hall,	Oct. 19, 1842	21	57	78	2	4	6		9		9		8	70
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	56	141	197	2	6	8	2	4	1	7		4	275
Hinsdale,	Edward Taylor,	Feb. 3, 1847	41	84	125				1	2		3		2	
Housatonic,	E. B. Andrews,	April 29, 1846	37	83	120		4	4		5		5		5	100
Lanesboro',	Vacant,		22	25	47										92
Lee,	Ralph Smith,	Dec. 9, 1846	121	188	309	1	2	3	10	23		33		11	200
Lenox,	Henry Neill,	Aug. 26, 1846	110	181	291										120
Monterey,	Samuel Howe,	July 24, 1844	46	70	116		2	2	6	1		7			90
New Marlboro', North	Chester Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1842	44	110	154				5	4	1	10			100
" South	Vacant,		28	57	85										90
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840	40	81	121		1	1	6			6			135
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	79	106	185	29	1	30	3	1		4	10	6	250
Pittsfield,	John Todd, D. D.	Jan. 16, 1842		About	600										
Richmond,	Eber L. Clark,	Jan. 20, 1838	28	52	80				1	2		3			60
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	61	158	219		1	1	3	3		6		3	200
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	57	191	248	2		2	7	2		9		5	326
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	103	172	275	2	11	13	4	5		9		3	217
" Curtisville,	S. P. Giddings,	Dec. 2, 1846	40	80	120				1	3	1	5		1	93
Washington,	Francis Norwood,	Sept. 2, 1846	16	31	47	2	4							1	60
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	Sidney Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	32	62	94	1	1	2	1	2		3	1		83
" Village,	John Whiton,	Jan. 3, 1844	21	35	56	3		3					1		
Williamstown,	Absalom Peters, D. D.	Nov. 10, 1844	107	189	296	3	2	5	5	6	1	12		5	276
" South,	"	Occa. supply.	12	34	46				2			2			35
Williams College,	Mark Hopkins, D. D.				36										
Windsor,	George R. Entler,	Stated supply.	35	50	85		1	1	1	1		2		3	95
Austerlitz, N. Y.	Samuel Utley,	Stated supply.	25	74	99					4		4			
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.	J. Jay Dana,	April 26, 1840	34	71	105				1			1		1	70
New Concord, N. Y.	Bancroft Fowler,	Stated supply.	35	71	106										30
New Lebanon, N. Y.	Vacant,		26	48	74										60
Total, 34	29		1409	2800	4845	84	64	142	65	87	4	156	31	75	3555

* Church organized May 1, 1846.

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Alden, D. D., Williamstown; Wm. B. Bond, Springfield; R. S. Cook, New York city; J. W. Davis, Austerlitz, N. Y.; Thos. A. Hall, Lee; E. Jennings, Dalton; Noah Sheldon, Stockbridge; R. Pomeroy, Otis; W. H. Tyler, Pittsfield.

3. BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chatham,	E. W. Tucker,	March 25, 1846	30	103	133				5	1		6		5	135
Dennis, North,	Vacant,														
Eastham,	E. W. Noble,	Stated supply.	12	40	52				2			2		2	60
Harwich,	Cyrus Stone,	Dec. 18, 1844	33	83	116	1	1	2	2			2		3	175
Orleans,	Jacob White,	June, 1841	43	132	175	1		1	6	4		10		1	250
Provincetown,	O. Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846	9	31	40	1		1					1	2	50
Truro,	George Goodyear,	Feb. 17, 1846	39	74	113				2	6		8		4	140
" North,	Vacant,		8	24	32										
Wellfleet,	C. C. Beaman,	Dec. 2, 1846	80	132	212		2	2	11	2		13		6	201
" South,	H. Van Houten,	Stated supply.	65	89	154				1	3		4		6	175
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	April 22, 1822	36	67	103	1	1	2		1		1		4	130
" South,	S. D. Darling,	Pastor elect,	7	53	60					2		2			45
Total, 12	10		362	823	1190	4	4	8	29	19		48	1	33	1361

Without Pastoral Charge.—Enoch Pratt, Brewster.

4. BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Brimfield,	Vacant,		67	154	221										300
Brookfield, South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801	32	73	105		9	9	1	5	5	11		2	100
" West,	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 19, 1844	81	163	244	5	9	14	5	4		9	1	11	300
Charlton,	Nelson Clark,	Stated supply.	14	61	75				1			1			50
Dana, Storrsville,	John Keep,	April 24, 1845	9	32	41		1	1	1	1		2		2	70
Dudley,	Joshua Bates, D. D.	March 22, 1843	32	82	114	5	9	14	1	4	1	6		2	145
Hardwick,	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	30	60	90	3	5	8		4		4	1	1	140
Holland,	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	24	37	61		5	5							50
New Braintree,	John Fiske, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1796	37	102	139	2	2	4	6	6	1	13		3	
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	79	138	217	1	2	3	3	8		11	1	9	350
Oakham,	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	77	170	247	1	3	4	1	8		9		12	275
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	58	122	180	3	10	13	1	11		12	1	10	180
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	28	91	119	8	3	11	4	4		8	4	4	175
Sturbridge,	D. R. Austin,	May 12, 1839	110	125	235	5	3	8	8	4		12			250
Ware, West,	D. N. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	46	92	138	1	2	3	3	6	1	10		4	125
" Village,	Nahum Gale,	June 22, 1842	92	180	272	2	36	38	2	10	1	13	1	8	300
Warren,	Vacant,		56	110	166	1	2	3	5			5		7	250
Total, 17	15		872	1792	2664	37	101	138	42	75	9	126	9	75	3060

5. ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Tctal.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	Henry B. Smith,	Dec. 29, 1842	48	141	189	8	3	11	2			2	4	10	130
" Mills,	J. H. Mordough,	Stated supply.	46	139	185		5	5	1	1	1	3		3	150
" and Salisbury,	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1834	16	47	63				2		6	8			80
Boxford, West,	C. E. Park,	Oct. 14, 1846													
Bradford, 1st par.	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	58	116	174		1	1	6	1		7		5	100
" 2d par.	G. B. Perry, D. D.	Sept. 28, 1814	70	94	164				3	2		5			174
Byfield,	Henry Durant,	Dec. 25, 1833	48	101	149										200
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1779	59	108	167		2	2	2	2		4		2	260
Haverhill,	B. F. Hosford,	May 21, 1845	63	124	187		8	8	2	3		5		8	182
" North,*	David Oliphant,	Stated supply.	19	48	67		3	3	1	1		2			50
" East,	Vacant,														
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	30	70	100										170
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	46	123	169		1	1	3			3			150
" Linebrook,	George Coggin,	Stated supply.	26	34	60	2		2	1	1		2	1	2	50
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	80	140	2	7	9	8		1	9		9	180
" Belleville,	Vacant,		52	90	142		1	1	4	1		5			130
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	70	280	350	8	8	16	7			7	2	5	200
" Temple-st. ch.	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837													
" Federal-st. ch.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835													
Rowley,	John Pike,	Nov. 18, 1840	20	70	90		3	3	2			2		1	100
Salisbury, R. Hill,	Benj. Sawyer,	Stated supply.	18	44	62										50
W. Newbury, E. par.	Horatio Merrill,	May 7, 1845	15	43	58		1	1	1		1	2			90
" W. par.	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	58	107	165	5	1	6	4		1	5		2	
Total, 24	21		822	1859	2681	25	44	69	49	12	10	71	7	47	2446

* A part of the Society live in N. H.

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. P. Cowles, Ipswich.

6. ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Beverly, Dane-st.	Joseph Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834													
" Washington-st.	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	30	91	121		4	4	1			1		6	
" North,	John Foote,	Stated supply.	7	25	32		1	1	1			1		2	65
Boxford, 1st ch.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	20	46	66		2	2	3	1		4		1	150
Danvers, 1st ch.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826													
" 2d ch.	T. P. Field,	Oct. 1840	76	190	266	3		3	2		1	3		4	200
" 3d ch.	R. Tolman,	Sept. 17, 1845	18	42	60		7	7						1	135
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	45	93	138		1	1						3	204
Gloucester, Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	26	96	122										166
" Annisquam,	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	14	28	42		2	2						3	60
" West par.	C. S. Williams,	Stated supply.	12	36	48										100
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	53	99	152									9	120
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	40	124	164	1	1	2	2			2		7	150
Lynn, 1st ch.	Parsons Cook,	May 4, 1836	39	140	179	1	4	5	6	5		11			
" Swampscott,	J. B. Clark,	Stated supply.	8	14	22	1	8	9							139
Lynnfield,	H. S. Greene,	Dec. 27, 1837	10	40	50	1	2	3		1		1	1	1	70
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	49	238	287										290
Marblehead,	E. A. Lawrence,	April 23, 1845	80	259	339	1	2	3	7	3	3	13	1	7	300
Middleton,	Vacant,		43	72	115										120
Rockport,	W. Gale,	May 4, 1836	135	224	359	4		4	6	5		11	2	5	360
Salem, Crombie-st.	A. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	46	167	213	2	2	4	3	2		5	2	3	166
" Howard-st.	Vacant,														
" South ch.	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	65	300	365		6	6	3	3		6		9	346
" Tabernacle ch.	S. M. Worcester,	Dec. 3, 1834	89	350	439										400
Saugus,	T. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	5	19	24				1			1			80
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	57	108	165	6	2	8	5		1	6	5	1	250
Wenham,	Vacant,		55	81	136										200
Total, 27	24		1022	2882	3904	20	44	64	40	20	5	65	11	62	4071

7. FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840	79	151	230		3	3	3	5		8		6	125
Bernardston,	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	37	55	92		1	1	1	14		15			95
Buckland,	Preston Cummings,	Jan. 1, 1840	67	117	184		3	3	3	3	1	7		2	240
Charlemont, East,	Moses H. Wilder,	March 17, 1847	13	30	43		1	1	2	2		4			65
" West,	Vacant,		26	52	78		4	4	2	5		7		3	115
Colrain,	Horatio Flagg,	May 3, 1837	13	38	51		1	1	6	4		10		2	65
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	110	193	303	15	14	29	5	17		22	3	8	296
Deerfield, North,	Henry Seymour,	March 1, 1843	30	51	81		1	1		5		5		2	93
" South,	Vacant,	Oct. 22, 1845	28	52	80										90
Erving,	Vacant,		7	14	21										25
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	8	28	36		10	10	1	2		3			45
Greenfield, 1st,	A. Chandler, D. D.	Oct. 24, 1832	12	34	46	3		3	3			3		2	95
" 2d,	L. L. Langstroth,	Dec. 22, 1843	47	90	137		2	2	2			2		3	100
Hawley, East,	John Eastman,	Stated supply.	49	80	129		1	1	1		3	4		6	250
" West,	Vacant,		25	38	63										80
Heath,	Vacant,		44	90	134				4	8		12			175
Irvingsville,	Vacant,		12	16	28										60
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	40	77	117	1	5	6	1	3		4	1	5	225
New Salem, Centre	Jonas Colburn,	Stated supply.	7	10	17										40
" North,			5	10	15				1	8		9			35
Northfield,	Willard Jones,	Stated supply.	20	50	70		6	6	1	2		3		4	60
Orange, South,	Charles Boyter,	Stated supply.	6	11	17		2	2							
" North,			5	10	15	2	2	4		1		1	1		15
Rowe,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Stated supply.	13	26	39	1	2	3	2	1		3			40
Shelburne,	T. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	52	93	145		3	3	3	2		5		3	200
Sunderland,	Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	72	105	177		5	5	6			6		5	275
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	14	39	53	2	4	6		4		4	1	2	80
Wendell,	Noadiah S. Dickinson,	May 27, 1847	21	46	67				2			2		2	80
Total, 28	21		862	1596	2468	24	70	94	49	86	4	139	6	55	3064

Without Pastoral Charge.—Wm. Riddel and Samuel Ware, South Deerfield; Salmon Bennett, Heath; Eli Moody, Montague; Erastus Curtis, New Salem; Lot B. Sullivan, Wendell.

8. HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Longmeadow,	Samuel Wolcott,	Aug. 30, 1843	75	135	210		5	5	7	7	1	15		5	175
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	43	86	129		2	2	4	1	1	6		3	100
Ludlow,	J. W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	61	110	171		3	3	7	6		13		6	150
Monson,	A. Ely, D. D.	Dec. 6, 1806													
	C. B. Kittredge,*	1846	140	239	379	1	6	7	4	13	2	19		8	250
Palmer,	M. K. Cross,	Feb. 2, 1842	49	112	161		8	8	3	6		9		1	
Springfield,	Samuel Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	117	327	444	4	10	14	5	15		20			200
" Chicopee,	E. B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	28	58	86		2	2		4		4		5	85
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	68	137	205	2	14	16	4	4	1	9		8	200
" Chicopee Falls,	S. S. N. Greeley,*	Stated supply.	45	110	155	4	5	9	1	7		8		1	175
" Cabotville,	S. G. Clapp,	April 26, 1837	46	121	167	2	15	17	2	10		12		1	220
" South ch.	S. G. Buckingham,*	June 16, 1847	69	88	157	1	14	15		8		8			134
" North,	R. H. Conklin,	Stated supply.	11	11	22	4	5	9							74
Wilbraham,	Jonathan Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	75	117	192		6	6		4		4		3	190
" South,	J. A. Hazen,	Jan. 30, 1839	25	49	74		1	1	1		1	2		1	85
Total, 14	15		852	1700	2552	18	96	114	38	85	6	129		42	1938

* Not connected with the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—F. A. Barton, Chicopee Falls; Edmund Burt, East Longmeadow.

9. HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	Charles J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	40	94	134	3	5	8	3	8	1	12		4	125
Chester,	Francis Warriner,	Oct. 27, 1841	39	70	109				1	8	1	10		2	70
" Factories,	Perkins K. Clark,	Stated supply.	8	16	24	1	5	6							60
" Village,			10	18	28	2	26	28						1	45
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	43	95	138	4	5	9		3		3	1	4	90
" West,	Calvin Foote,	Sept. 1, 1841	15	48	63				1	6		7		4	100
Montgomery,	R. Eggleston,	Stated supply.	9	24	33				2			2			40
Russell,	Vacant,		3	6	9										
Southwick,	Henry Cooley,	Dec. 2, 1846	20	60	80	2		2	3	3		6			80
Tolland,	Alonzo Sanderson,	July 12, 1843	20	48	68		2	2	3	1		4			148
Westfield,	Isaac Knapp,	Nov. 6, 1803													
	Emerson Davis,	June 1, 1836	113	282	395	1	9	10	6	9		15		6	300
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	94	173	267	1	4	5	6	7		13		8	280
" Agawam,	Ralph Perry,	Pastor elect,	41	66	107		2	2		2		2			60
" Ireland,	Simeon Miller,	May 7, 1846	26	50	76		1	1	2	5		7		5	130
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,	June 30, 1841	31	58	89	1	2	3	2	1		3		2	75
Total, 15	14		512	1108	1620	15	61	76	29	53	2	84	1	36	1603

Without Pastoral Charge.—Hervey Smith, Westhampton; Harper Boies and Roger Harrison, Tolland; Hubbard Beebe, Westfield.

10. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Chesterfield,	Vacant,		20	60	80										88
Cummington,	James D. Chapman,	June 12, 1844	31	61	92										125
" Village,	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	30	62	92	7	1	8	1	3		4	5	1	200
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	33	60	93	2		2		1		1	2	5	60
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789													
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	97	159	256	2	2	4	7	7		14		15	200
Goshen,	Royal Reed,	Oct. 19, 1842	38	65	103	1	2	3	1	6		7		6	164
Hatfield,	Vacant,		55	111	156										100
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	43	60	103		3	3	2	3		5		1	75
Northampton, 1st,	E. Y. Swift,	Nov. 19, 1845	188	375	563	55	17	72	13	6		19	15	23	267
" Edwards ch.	Vacant,		73	147	220										120
Norwich,	E. B. Wright,	Feb. 23, 1842	45	74	119		4	4	4	17		21		4	100
Plainfield,	Wm. A. Hawley,	July 21, 1841	56	112	168				6	7		13		2	175
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832													
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	53	95	148	4	1	5	2	2		4		3	134
Whately, 1st,	J. Howard Temple,	Sept. 30, 1845	53	74	127		3	3	5	3		8			90
" 2d,	J. Sheldon Judd,	Oct. 12, 1843	46	61	107		4	4	2	4		6		2	
Williamsburg,	—— Wilcox'	1847	127	158	285										200
Worthington,	J. H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	73	118	191	3	3	6	2	8		10		14	300
Total, 18	16		1061	1852	2913	74	30	54	45	67		112	22	75	2390

Without Pastoral Charge.—John Ferguson, Whately; C. J. Tenney, D. D., M. G. Wheeler, E. P. Rogers, and O. Warner, Northampton; Caleb Knight, Worthington; Solomon Lyman and Erastus Clapp, East Hampton.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, West,	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	103	222	325	7	5	12	6	7		13		8	200
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	54	87	141										200
" East,	Pomeroy Belden,	Sept. 14, 1842	50	122	172	5	2	7	1	6	2	9	1	17	195
" South,	—— Smith,	Stated supply.	38	75	113										115
" College,	E. Hitchcock, D. D.	April, 1845	43	10	53	27	16	43		12		12	5		
Belchertown,	John Clancy,														
Enfield,	R. McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	87	181	268	11	6	17					7	2	300
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	92	197	289	14	2	16	4	7		11	5	8	270
Greenwich,	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	44	92	136	3	2	5		1		1	3		160
Hadley, 1st par.	Vacant,		86	140	226										250
" 2d par.	W. H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	29	56	85	2	3	5						2	115
" 3d par.	J. Woodbridge, D. D.	Feb. 16, 1842	32	63	95	5	1	6		4		4	2	4	90
Leverett,	D. Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	36	59	95						1	1		3	100
Pelham,	Vacant,														
Prescott,	Vacant,		12	32	44				3	1		4			60
Shutesbury,	Vacant,														
South Hadley, 1st par.	J. D. Condit,	July 8, 1830	70	154	224	4	2	6						4	175
" 2d par.	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	49	84	133	1	15	16		6		6		5	100
Total, 18	14		825	1574	2399	79	54	133	14	44	3	61	23	53	2330

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. W. Curtis, J. H. Patrick, J. Sanford, and W. Tyler, Amherst; E. Moody, Granby; R. Hawkes, South Hadley.

12. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blackstone,	M. Burdett,	May 5, 1841	24	44	68	1	1	2	1	2		3		2	200
" Millville,	W. Holbrook,	Aug. 18, 1841	11	36	47					2		2			60
Douglass, 1st ch.	Vacant,		25	46	71				1			1			80
" East,	C. D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	46	95	141	1		1	1	6	1	8		4	200
Grafton,	T. C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	107	181	288	4	3	7	1	10		11	1	10	350
Hopkinton,	J. C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	57	126	183		3	3	1	7	1	9		7	225
Millbury, 1st ch.	N. Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	40	106	146	1		1	2	3		5		2	125
" Grass Hill,	S. Holman,	July 1, 1840	25	54	79				2	2		4		3	100
Northbridge,	Wm. Bates,	Nov. 5, 1845	33	67	100	2		2	2	3	1	6	1	4	100
" Whitinsville,	L. F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	30	63	93	2		2	2	2	1	5		5	200
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	66	142	208		3	3	4	8	1	13		4	200
Slatersville, R. I.	T. A. Taylor,	Jan. 23, 1839	18	57	75	2	2	4	4	1	1	6	2	7	250
Uxbridge,	J. Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	48	141	189		2	2	4	6	1	11		6	269
Upton,	Benj. Wood,	June 1, 1796	70	185	255	1		1	4	3	1	8		6	300
Westboro',	Vacant,		96	212	308	4	9	13	7	9		16	2	4	281
Webster,	L. Cary,	Aug. 14, 1845	40	71	111	1	15	16	2	5		7	1	9	125
Total, 16	14		736	1626	2362	19	38	57	38	69	8	115	7	73	3065

Without Pastoral Charge.—David Holman, Douglass; H. A. Read, Webster.

13. MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dover,	O. W. Cooley,	Stated supply.	9	22	31	1	1	2						1	45
Foxboro',	D. J. Poor,	March 11, 1840	30	75	105		2	2	1	4	1	6		4	140
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839	51	104	155	3	2	5	2	4		6	2	7	200
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	March 1, 1843	44	123	167		2	2	3	3	1	7		4	350
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	22	50	72	2		2	3	2		5	2	2	140
Medfield,	T. T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	25	58	83		3	3		2	2	4		3	65
Medway, 1st par.	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	48	130	178	1		1	1		1	2		3	130
" West,	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	47	124	171	1	3	4	2	4		6	1	5	180
" Village,	David Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	45	111	156	2	2	4		1		1	1	8	200
Mendon,	A. H. Reed,	Stated supply.	7	41	48		1	1		1		1			60
Milford,	Preston Pond,	Stated supply.	21	63	84	2	1	3							175
Wrentham,	Elisha Fiske,	June 12, 1799													
	Horace James,	Nov. 1, 1843	59	158	217	1	3	4	6	1	1	8		10	290
" North,	Tyler Thacher,	Stated supply.	13	40	53				1		1	2	1		45
Total, 13	14		421	1099	1520	13	20	33	19	22	7	48	7	47	2020

Without Pastoral Charge.—D. Long, Milford; Charles Simmons, North Wrentham.

14. MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashland,	C. L. Mills,	Feb. 11, 1847	30	63	93	5	5	10	1	2	1	4	1	4	140
Concord,	W. L. Mather,	Oct. 30, 1844	17	89	106		5	5		3		3			
Framingham,	Increase N. Tarbox,	Nov. 22, 1844	51	151	202	1	6	7	2	1		3	1	9	160
Lincoln,	Vacant,		31	72	103	1	2	3	4	3		7			125
Marlboro',	George E. Day,	Dec. 2, 1840	41	106	147	1	1	2	2	5		7	1	5	200
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	45	105	150	1	2	3	1			1		9	150
Needham, West,	A. Bigelow,	July 1847	42	83	125		8	8	2			2		3	125
" Grantville,	Harvey Newcomb,	Stated supply.	11	19	30										50
Saxonville,	B. G. Northrup,	March 10, 1847	18	58	76	2	12	14	1		1	2			200
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	66	109	175	4		4	5	2		7		8	170
Southboro',	Alanson Rawson,	Stated supply.	57	91	148	2	8	10	1	1	1	3		8	351
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841	55	108	163	2	3	5	1	1		2	1	4	184
Wayland,	J. W. Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841	13	74	87		1	1	3	1		4			125
Total, 13	12		477	1128	1605	19	53	72	23	19	3	45	4	50	1980

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Leavitt, Cambridgeport.

15. MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	97	150	247	1	1	2	8	5	1	14	1	3	175
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	61	69	130		5	5	4	3		7		7	190
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	19	27	46				1	2		3		2	40
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	29	67	96		1	1	1		1	2			156
Fitchburg,	E W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	127	241	368		13	13	13	2	1	16		8	470
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	102	134	236		2	2	6	3	2	11		2	150
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	45	109	154	1	4	5	7			7	1	2	130
Lancaster,	C. Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	22	45	67	2		2	1	4		5		4	85
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	49	106	155	2	6	8		2	2	4		4	256
Littleton,	J. M. Bacon,	Oct. 8, 1846	21	26	47		1	1	2			2			60
Lunenburg,	E. W. Harrington,	April 26, 1837	24	64	88					4		4		1	
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	154	234	388		5	5	4	3	3	10		6	350
Shirley,	J. M. R. Eaton,	July 1847	15	25	40	6		6					3	2	75
Stow,	Theodore Cooke,	June 9, 1847	13	36	49				2	5	1	8			40
Townsend,	Luther H. Sheldon,	Aug. 1, 1844	119	221	340	14	2	16	5	3		8	4	4	285
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	56	108	164	4	1	5	2	4		6	1	5	200
Total, 16	16		953	1662	2615	30	41	71	56	40	11	107	10	50	2662

16. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Abington, 1st,	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	44	68	112	1	1	2	4	1		5	1	4	184
" 2d,	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842	56	106	162	1		1	4		1	5		5	200
" 3d,	Horace D. Walker,	Feb. 15, 1844	40	77	117					1		1			310
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840	42	62	104		4	4	1			1		1	180
Braintree, 1st,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	49	141	190									3	150
" South,	F. V. Tenney,	Aug. 7, 1845	26	40	66	6	1	7		2		2	2	4	114
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	72	116	188				1			1		4	150
Bridgewater,	David Brigham,	April 23, 1845	28	51	79				1			1		1	80
" East and West,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	37	66	103										200
Canton,	Wm. B. Hammond,	June 5, 1844	8	23	31										50
Cohasset,			16	83	99	1		1		4		4		1	100
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	40	82	122				2			2		2	
Dorchester, 2d ch.	John Codman, D. D.	Dec. 7, 1808	81	221	302	1	5	6	3	1		4		12	175
" Village,	David Dyer,	April. 9, 1845	37	151	188		8	8		10	2	12		12	130
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	42	95	137		1	1	5	3		8			100
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	17	53	70										100
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	11	51	62		1	1						1	76
Milton,	Vacant,	May 24, 1837	56	102	158		2	2	1	1		2		4	120
" Railway Village,	W. M. Harding,*	Stated supply.	9	19	28	3	10	13					3	2	50
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	98	138	236	3	2	5	3			3	3	1	180
" South ch.	Daniel Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	23	32	55	1		1					1		125
Quincy,	Wm. Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	22	64	86		4	4		2	1	3		3	120
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	42	83	125				6			6		2	133
" East,	Wm. A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	54	88	142				2			2		2	200
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1842	27	50	77				2	2		4		2	120
Sharon,	L. R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841													
Stoughton,	Wm. M. Cornell,	Stated supply.													
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	67	146	213		1	1	3		5	8			200
" 2d ch.	Wales Lewis,	Sept. 12, 1838	19	62	81				2			2			100
Total, 29	27		1062	2270	3333	17	40	57	34	27	9	76	10	66	3647

* Not connected with the Association.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ebenezer Gay, Bridgewater; Daniel Butler, Waltham; Stephen Bailey, Dorchester; Lyman Matthews, Vermont.

17. OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dartmouth, South,	Wm. A. Mandell,	Nov. 11, 1846	31	82	113	3	2	5		1		1		1	
Fairhaven, 1st ch.	Jacob Roberts,	June 15, 1839	65	130	195		1	1	2	1	4	7		4	200
" Central ch.	Wm. Gould,	March 1, 1843													
	D. W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	37	86	123	4		4	1			1	2	4	80
Middleboro', 1st ch.	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	63	181	244		1	1	8	2		10			100
New Bedford, 1st ch.	D. C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	15	39	54		1	1	1	1		2			80
" North,	Vacant,		87	180	267										275
" Trinitarian,	G. L. Prentiss,	April 9, 1845	36	72	108	1		1	1	2		3		3	120
" Pacific,	S. Holmes,	Dec. 4, 1844	27	48	75	3	10	13	4	5		9	1	5	125
Rochester, Centre,	J. Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	17	78	95	1		1	2			2			80
" Mattapoisett,	I. C. Thatcher,	Dec. 25, 1844	56	90	146		4	4	3			3		6	150
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	1836	13	30	43				1	1		2			50
" South,	O. Cobb,	Feb. 5, 1799													
	L. Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1841	19	44	63										80
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	35	101	136		3	3	5			5		2	
Total, 13	14		501	1161	1662	12	22	34	28	13	4	45	3	25	1330

18. PILORIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Carver,	E. Gay,	Stated supply	40	64	104		3	3	1			1			40
Halifax,	Vacant,		16	25	41				3			3		3	52
Kingston,	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	26	60	86		1	1		1	1	2			68
Marshfield, North,	D. D. Tappan,	Jan. 23, 1839	14	24	38	1		1	1			1	1	3	50
" South,	Vacant,														
Plymouth, Manomet,	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	58	72	130		2	2	5			5			75
" Pilgrimage,	Charles S. Porter,	May, 1845	38	120	158										150
" Chiltonville,	Benjamin Whitmore,	Dec. 21, 1817	61	116	177				4			4		1	100
" Robinson,	A. Foster,	Stated supply.	15	78	93				2			2			60
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	35	108	143				3	2	2	7		1	119
Total, 10	8		303	669	972	1	6	7	19	3	3	25	1	8	714

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. Paine, Halifax; J. King, Abington; F. P. Howland, Hanson; J. Dwight, W. Medway; Seneca White, S. Marshfield.

19. SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Old South ch.	G. W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	82	445	527	1	1	2	3	5		8		5	206
" Bowdoin-st.	J. B. Waterbury, D.D.	Sept. 1846	180	321	501	6	12	18	5	22		27			210
" Central ch.	W. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835													
	George Richards,	Oct. 8, 1845	173	302	475	4	20	24		11	1	12	2	4	250
" Leyden ch.	Vacant,														
" Ch. of the Pilgrims,	M. H. Smith,	Oct. 18, 1846	72	146	218		2	2						3	125
Cambridge, 1st ch.	J. A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	54	144	198	5	10	15	1	3	1	5		11	171
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	69	149	218		8	8	8	8		16		15	175
East Cambridge,	F. T. Perkins,	Jan. 16, 1843	12	38	50									2	75
Charlestown, 1st ch.	W. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	57	203	260	5	7	12	5			5	2	14	
" Winthrop,	Vacant,		86	192	278	5	5	10		11		11	2	13	
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	I. P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	78	141	219	6	18	24	1	7		8	4	9	504
Medford, 2d cong. ch.	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	75	152	227		4	4		2		2		16	225
Malden, Trin. cong. ch.	C. Goodrich,	Aug. 30, 1843	24	70	94		2	2	3	2		5		1	
Newton, 1st ch.	Vacant,		32	55	87				1			1			105
" 2d ch.	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	36	57	93		4	4	1	2		3		1	
" Eliot ch.	W. S. Leavitt,	Dec. 3, 1845	20	39	59	2	10	12	1	1		2		6	100
Waltham, Tr. cong. ch.	J. Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1838	30	120	150	1	3	4	2	3		5	1	3	120
Woburn, South,	W. T. Eustis,														
Total, 18	16		1080	2474	3554	35	106	141	31	77	2	110	11	103	2266

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. Anderson, D. D., S. Bliss, G. C. Beckwith, D. Clark, W. M. Cornell, J Curtis, A. Bullard, Wm. Jenks, A. W. McClure, H. Winslow, W. Bushnell, J. Humphrey, N. C. Jackson.

20. SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Boston, Park-st. ch.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	153	436	589	2	7	9	4	15	2	21		11	150
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	122	443	565	1	9	10	7	11	2	20		15	300
" Salem-st.	E. Beecher, D. D.	March 13, 1844	163	325	488	23	33	56	7	20	2	29			325
" Pine-st.	Austin Phelps,	March 31, 1842	104	186	290	6	15	21	3	5	1	9	2	7	205
" Mt. Vernon,	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	159	304	463	16	56	72	9	21		30	5	13	406
" Mariners,	Daniel M. Lord,	Nov. 12, 1835	66	43	109	1		1	1	6	4	11		3	110
" Suffolk-st.	George A. Oviatt,	Nov. 20, 1845	34	51	85	3	22	25	1	1		2		3	220
" Phillips,	J. W. Alvord,		60	123	183		10	10	6	7	2	15	8		150
Brighton,	Vacant,		56	105	161	4	3	7		7		7	1	8	150
Brookline, Harvard ch.	Joseph Haven, Jr.		16	23	39	5	5	10		1		1		4	
Dedham, 1st ch.	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	60	193	253										200
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	A. C. Thompson,	July 22, 1842	75	142	217	6	20	26	1	8	1	10	5	7	200
" West,	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	18	49	67		2	2	2			2			80
Walpole,	A. Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	34	109	143	1		1	1	2		3		1	150
Total, 14	13		1120	2532	3652	68	182	250	42	104	14	140	21	72	2446

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. S. Clark, L. Dwight, D. Greene, S. H. Riddell, S. B. Treat, and J. E. Woodbridge, Boston; J. Abbott and A. A. Phelps, New York; S. Lamson, Nashua, N. H.; E. P. Sperry.

21. TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Attleboro',	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836	59	156	215		2	2	5	2		7		2	303
" West,	J. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	46	77	123		1	1		1		1		2	125
Berkley,	Vacant,		48	83	131										150
Bridgewater, Scotland	Stetson Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	7	32	39										50
Dighton,	Vacant,		21	38	59	1		1	3	1		4			46
Fall River, 1st ch.	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	61	155	216				2	14	2	18		3	350
" Central,	Samuel Washburn,	April 24, 1844	37	78	115	1	12	13	2	1		3		7	250
Freetown,	Vacant,		13	33	46										50
Middleboro', North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	44	101	145				2			2			100
" 2d ch. West,	Jesse K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	48	83	131										120
Norton,	William Barrows,	Sept. 4, 1845	49	77	126	1	8	9	2	2		4	1	5	150
Pawtucket,	Constantine Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	48	166	214	3	5	8	1	2	1	4	2	8	300
Raynham,	Enoch Sanford,	Oct. 2, 1823	39	102	141	1		1	2			2	1	1	85
Rehoboth, Village,	John C. Paine,	June 6, 1838	25	59	84					1		1		2	120
Seekonk,	James O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	36	76	112	2	1	3	1			1		5	145
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	30	60	90	1	5	6	2	4		6	1	5	150
" Trin. ch.	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	73	224	297	2	5	7	4	6	1	11	1	5	275
" Spring-st. ch.	S. Hopkins Emery,	Jan. 1, 1847	33	65	98		11	11		4		4		5	116
Weymouth, Union ch.	George Denham,	Nov. 1, 1843	10	20	30										75
Total, 19	17		727	1685	2412	12	50	62	26	38	4	68	6	50	2960

Without Pastoral Charge.—George L. Hovey, Boston; E. W. Robinson, Berkley; C. Chamberlain, Seekonk.

22. VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Barnstable, West,	Alonzo Hayes,	May, 1843	24	50	74	3	1	4	2	1		3	1	2	80
" Centreville,	E. Bacon,	March, 1840	33	67	100										70
Chilmark,	Vacant,		4	27	31										40
Dennis, South,	J. H. Pettingell,	Dec. 5, 1843	30	88	118	3	5	8					1	5	250
Edgartown,	S. B. Goodenow,	June 2, 1847	22	84	106				2			2			100
Falmouth, 1st ch.	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	64	139	203	1	5	6	7	2	1	10	1	5	250
" East,	S. S. Hyde,	Stated supply.	22	28	50										100
" North,	A. Cobb,	Stated supply.	31	48	79				1			1			55
Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1810	6	20	26	4	3	7	1	1		2	1		50
Nantucket,	Vacant,		93	374	467	48	5	53	4	15		19	32	8	400
Sandwich,	Vacant,		48	114	162										70
" Monument,	Wm. Ottinger,	Stated supply	16	21	37	1		1	1	2		3			100
Tisbury, Holmes Hole	S. S. Tappan,	Oct. 1, 1845	5	19	24	1	2	3					1	3	30
" West,	Vacant,		18	37	55										35
Total, 14	10		416	1116	1532	61	21	82	18	21	1	40	37	23	1630

23. WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	Orin Sikes,	Jan. 3, 1846	53	112	165		3	3	10	5	2	17		5	130
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	9	36	45				2	2		4		3	50
Burlington,	N. Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	39	59									1	60
Carlisle,	G. W. Thompson,	July, 1845	13	38	51		7	7		1	1	2		1	62
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 25, 1833													
" North,	E. W. Allen,	May 17, 1843	20	53	73	8		8	2			2	1	3	155
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804													
	Alfred Emerson,	Oct. 15, 1845													
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1843	31	86	117		2	2	1	2		3		4	150
West Cambridge,	Francis Horton,	May 17, 1843	18	39	57		6	6	1			1		1	60
Wilmington,	B. M. Fay,	April, 1845	25	66	91	1	2	3	1			1	1	1	
Woburn,	Joseph Bennett,	Jan. 1, 1822	162	291	453	5	13	18	7	9	1	17	3	11	350
Total, 11	12		351	760	1111	14	33	47	24	19	4	47	5	30	1017

24. WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	78	143	221	5	2	7	7	5		12	2	7	150
Barre,	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	64	124	188		3	3		7		7		7	140
Berlin,	Henry Adams,	Oct. 25, 1843	34	63	97	2	1	3		5		5		7	140
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	54	87	141				4	4	1	9		4	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	131	248	379		5	5	4	3	5	12		2	250
Lancaster, (Clinton-ville,)	Vacant,		34	57	91	4	20	24	1	1		2	1	5	170
Leicester,	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	67	119	186	1	5	6	4	14	2	20		6	231
Millbury, 2d par.	Vacant,		60	100	160	1	7	8	2	5		7		6	175
Northboro',	Addison Houghton,	July 5, 1843	14	75	89	2	3	5					2	5	90
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	90	185	275		6	6	4	10	2	16		5	200
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps, Jr.	Nov. 11, 1840	45	100	145	5	4	9	1			1	1	7	180
Princeton,	A. Goldsmith,	July 16, 1845	61	124	185		2	2		1		1		2	150
Rutland,	Daniel R. Cady,	Oct. 27, 1845	96	194	290	6		6	6			6		3	150
Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841	95	174	269		6	6	5	7		12		3	333
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	71	181	252	2	8	10	5	9	4	18		10	300
Worcester, 1st par.	George P. Smith,	March 19, 1845	105	224	329	10	57	67	11	17	*22	50	4	7	350
" Calvinist,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	104	233	337	5	8	13	4	9	6	19	1	9	300
" Union,	Elam Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	172	263	435	6	29	35	6	13	1	20	5	4	378
Total, 18	16		1375	2694	4069	49	166	215	64	110	43	217	16	99	3834

* About half this number were excluded on account of long continued absence.

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, and Rodney A. Miller, Worcester; J. Longley, Northbridge; Henry B. Holmes, Auburn

25. WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashburnham,	Elnathan Davis,	Sept. 15, 1846	85	134	219										126
Athol,	R. M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	68	122	190		9	9	1	4	2	7		2	200
Gardner,	W. B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	57	91	148		8	8	5	1		6		3	150
Hubbardston,	D. B. Bradford,	June 17, 1846	62	130	192	9	5	14	8	2		10	4	4	
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	24	52	76										
Phillipston,	A. E. P. Perkins,	Sept. 18, 1844	68	132	200		7	7	2	6	3	11		6	
Royalston, 1st ch.	N. Hazen,	March 24, 1847	45	103	148				2	2		4			250
" South,	Vacant,		31	47	78										
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	36	68	104		1	1	1			1		6	140
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	103	201	304	1	2	3	8	2	2	12		2	250
Winchendon, 1st ch.	M. Bullard, jr.	Nov. 19, 1846	35	55	90		1	1		1		1			
" North,	A. P. Marvin,	Jan. 10, 1844	34	58	92		4	4						3	
Total, 12	11		648	1193	1841	10	37	47	27	18	7	52	4	26	1116

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chhs.	Pastors.	Stated supplies.	Vacant chhs.	Ministers without charge.	Ch. memb. Jan. 1, 1847.			Admissions in 1846.			Removals in 1846.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover,	14	14		1	3	726	1,975	2,701	21	64	85	23	134	4	161	6	38	2,770
Berkshire,	34	29	5	4	9	1,409	2,800	4,845	84	64	142	65	87	4	156	31	75	3,555
Brewster,	12	7	3	2	1	362	828	1,190	4	4	8	29	19		48	1	33	1,361
Brookfield,	17	13	2	2		872	1,792	2,664	37	101	138	42	75	9	126	9	75	3,060
Essex North,	24	17	4	3	1	822	1,859	2,681	25	44	69	49	12	10	71	7	47	2,446
Essex South,	27	21	3	3		1,022	2,882	3,904	20	44	64	40	20	5	65	11	62	4,071
Franklin,	28	17	5	6	6	862	1,596	2,468	24	70	94	49	86	4	139	6	55	3,064
Hampden East,	14	13	2		2	852	1,700	2,552	18	96	114	38	85	6	129		42	1,938
Hampden West,	15	11	3	1	4	512	1,108	1,620	15	61	76	29	53	2	84	1	36	1,603
Hampshire,	18	16		3	8	1,061	1,852	2,913	74	30	54	45	67		112	22	75	2,390
Hampshire East,	18	12	1	4	6	825	1,574	2,399	79	54	133	14	44	3	61	23	53	2,230
Harmony,	16	14		2	2	736	1,626	2,362	19	38	57	38	69	8	115	7	73	3,065
Mendon,	13	10	4		2	421	1,099	1,520	13	20	33	19	22	7	48	7	47	2,020
Middlesex South,	13	10	2	1	1	477	1,128	1,605	19	53	72	23	19	3	45	4	50	1,980
Middlesex Union,	16	16				953	1,662	2,615	30	41	71	56	40	11	107	10	50	2,662
Norfolk,	29	25	2	2	4	1,062	2,270	3,333	17	40	57	34	27	9	76	10	66	3,647
Old Colony,	13	14		1		501	1,161	1,662	12	22	34	28	13	4	45	3	25	1,330
Pilgrim,	10	6	2	2	5	303	669	972	1	6	7	19	3	3	25	1	8	714
Suffolk North,	18	16		3	13	1,080	2,474	3,554	35	106	141	31	77	2	110	11	103	2,266
Suffolk South,	14	13		1	10	1,120	2,532	3,652	68	182	250	42	104	14	140	21	72	2,446
Taunton,	19	16	1	3	3	733	1,685	2,412	12	50	62	26	38	4	68	6	50	2,976
Vineyard Sound,	14	7	3	4		424	1,116	1,540	61	21	82	18	21	1	40	37	23	1,630
Woburn,	11	11	1			351	760	1,111	14	33	47	24	19	4	47	5	30	1,017
Worcester Central,	18	16		1	4	1,375	2,694	4,069	49	166	215	64	110	43	210	16	89	3,834
Worcester North,	12	11		1		648	1,193	1,841	10	37	47	27	18	7	52	4	26	1,116
Total,	437	355	43	50	84	19,509	42,035	62,185	761	1,447	2,208	872	1,294	167	2,270	259	1,273	59,291

REMARKS ON THE PRECEDING TABLES.

The Publishing Committee of 1847, renew the lamentation which was uttered in 1846 over *incomplete statistical returns*. In point of orderly arrangement there has been a decided advance; insomuch that only *four* of the Associational tables have required reconstructing before they could be printed. But on inspecting these tables the Committee were shocked to find the names of 103 churches, against which there stood nothing but an appalling *blank!* A printed circular, addressed to each of these, brought answers from the greater part of them. It will be seen, however, that in the case of twenty-two, all methods of obtaining the desired information have failed. This non-compliance with the rules of the General Association in respect to the returns, is altogether unaccountable. Every body knows that statistics of any kind are good for nothing, except as they approximate towards completeness. Nearly every Pastor confesses himself gratified and profited by the study of just such facts as are intended hereby to be developed. And even if some ministers of Christ cannot be interested or edified by knowing whether the Church is going forward or backward, gaining members or losing them, can it be that they have not sufficient *benevolence* to minister, in this small way, to the comfort and edifying of those who *can?* There is a mystery hanging over the subject which the Committee cannot penetrate.

The number of churches in the foregoing tables does not include quite all the Orthodox Congregational Churches in the Commonwealth, though it shows an increase of *four* during the year. The pastors have diminished *three.* Vacant churches and ministers without pastoral charge, have increased—the former eleven; the latter sixteen.

If the twenty-two churches not reported have an average of members equal to that of the others, the whole number of communicants in them all is 65,485, which, compared with the estimate last year, is less; though the additions by profession are more. It will be seen that the removals continue to exceed the admissions, but in a diminishing ratio.

In order to facilitate the rendering of full returns hereafter, the form of a schedule for the annual report is again printed on *writing paper*, and attached to the end of the Minutes, from which it can be easily separated, and filled out, and forwarded to those who are appointed to combine the statistics of their respective Associations. By a little economy in using the paper it may be found sufficiently spacious for the Associational Report.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transasting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put. The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a Committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us, are that this Association, and each

body connected with it, shall annually appoint Delegates to the other, which shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting, and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The several Associations shall have the offer of receiving, in rotation, the annual meeting of the General Association, and each one, in turn, shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, which shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association.

A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon, And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be Primaries or Substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.

6. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

7. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

8. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

9. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

APPENDIX.

[See page 6.]

The order in which the several Associations shall have the offer of receiving the Annual Meeting of the General Association, commencing with the Suffolk North in 1848.

Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Mendon,
Andover,
Brewster,
Taunton,
Hampshire,
Essex South,
Hampshire East,
Norfolk,
Berkshire,
Middlesex South,
Brookfield,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Hampden East,
Essex North,
Hampden West,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Woburn,
Worcester North,
Middlesex Union,
Worcester Central.

[See page 6.]

The order in which the several Associations shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, commencing with the Worcester Central, in 1848.

Worcester Central,
Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Essex South,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Mendon,
Hampden East,
Brookfield,
Hampden West,
Middlesex South,
Norfolk,
Hampshire,
Hampshire East,
Worcester North,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Taunton,
Middlesex Union,
Woburn,
Essex North,
Brewster,
Andover,
Berkshire.

[See page 13.]

To the Honorable General Assembly, to be held at Boston, in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Jan. 1848.

The Memorial of the undersigned respectfully represents,—

That in the opinion of your memorialists, some remedy should be provided by law for the redress of private injuries occasioned by the traffic in intoxicating liquors. Your memorialists are advised, that although it is the boast of the law that it provides a satisfaction for every wrong done to private rights, that in this instance the grossest violations of those rights are entirely remediless. They cannot but regard this as an anomaly in our otherwise just and equitable system of jurisprudence. Your memorialists cannot understand the reason why civil rights should be so carefully guarded in other respects, and left so exposed in this particular. If one man should entice away a minor son or daughter, or even a servant, from the care and custody of another, the offender would be responsible civilly in damages to the person injured. If some heartless villain should seduce a daughter or a wife, the parent or husband could bring his action for the loss of service of the daughter or wife, and on his claim recover damages, measured only by the opinion which a jury may entertain of the value of chastity in a daughter or wife. But if the keeper of a grog-shop should, for the sake of gain, attack and destroy the happiness of a family, by depraving the appetite, corrupting the principles, and ruining the character of one of its members, the mercenary wretch can riot on his ill-gotten wealth, beyond the reach of the law. In this case, as in the other, a father may be deprived of the services of his son, and not only this, but his son may be thrown a hopeless burden upon his scanty means, by the unprincipled agency of another, and yet there is no remedy! If, through the mere neglect of the agents of a town, a bridge or a road is suffered to be out of repair, and a husband should thereby lose his life, the wife is entitled to heavy damages against the town for this neglect of duty. But if a person licensed by the civil authority of the same town, should get that husband drunk, and in consequence of this he should fall from that bridge, or stumble in that road, and lose his life, neither the town nor the rumseller could be made to contribute a dollar for the relief of the injured widow. Your memorialists are advised, that in all other instances, a man is supposed to intend the probable consequences of his own acts, and is responsible both civilly and criminally, accordingly. If a person shonld carelessly throw a firebrand into a powder-magazine, he would be liable to be prosecuted for the murder of all that should lose their lives by the explosion. If a confectioner, for the sake of gain, should sell poisoned candy to children, although he should warn them of the danger, he would be liable to their parents for the expense of any sickness resulting from such a rash act. But, if a rumseller should deal out his poison to a thoughtless youth, though well knowing that the consequences will be, loss of property, loss of health, loss of reputation, and probably, loss of life, the suffering parent can neither chastise him for the outrage, nor prevent its repetition. Your memorialists cannot account for these strange inconsistencies in the law, except upon the

supposition, that as nothing but the love of gain ever induced a man to engage in such a traffic, so nothing but the same self-interest has hitherto blinded Legislatures to the evils that flow from it, and prevented their applying the appropriate remedy. But your memorialists indulge the hope, that since so much light has been shed upon the subject, a just legislation will now be adopted. They therefore pray that some law may be passed, providing a remedy for the civil injuries occasioned by the sale of intoxicating drinks, and would respectfully recommend the following, to wit:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened,* That whenever a parent shall be deprived of the services, care, or attention of a child, and whenever a husband shall be deprived of the services, care, or attention of a wife, through the intemperance of such child or wife, and such intemperance shall have been maliciously or for the sake of gain, knowingly caused or promoted by the sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to such child or wife, by any person or persons, such parent or husband may bring an action on the case, against such person or persons so causing or promoting such intemperance, and recover such damages as to the Court and Jury trying the case shall, under all the circumstances of the case, appear just and reasonable.

SEC. 2. Whenever a wife shall be deprived of the support, care, kindness or attention of a husband, through the intemperance of such husband, and such intemperance shall have been maliciously or for the sake of gain, knowingly caused or promoted by the sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to such husband, by any person or persons, the next of kin of such wife, or if there be no next of kin, or if he or she shall neglect or refuse to bring a suit, any person acting as the next friend of such wife, may bring an action on the case, in his or her own name against such person or persons, causing or promoting such intemperance, and recover such damages as the Court and Jury trying the case shall deem just and reasonable, and the party to whom such damages shall be awarded shall hold the same, after deducting the charges and expenses of the suit, as Trustee, for the sole and separate use and benefit of said wife and her legal Representatives; and the Court before whom the case is tried may, if they see fit, require the plaintiff to give bonds to the Treasurer of the town in which such wife may at the commencement of the suit reside, for the faithful discharge of the trust.

SEC. 3. Whenever a town shall be subjected to expense in the support of a pauper, who has been reduced to want by intemperance, and such intemperance shall have been maliciously or for the sake of gain, caused or promoted by the gift or sale of intoxicating liquor to such pauper by any person or persons, the selectmen of such town may bring an action on the case in the name of the town, against such person or persons, and recover the expense so incurred by such town.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *arranging the churches in alphabetical order, adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
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MINUTES.

The General Association of Massachusetts convened at the Winnisimmet Congregational Meeting-house, in Chelsea; June 27, 1848. At the appointed hour, (5 o'clock, P. M.,) the delegates were called to order by Rev. I. P. Langworthy, pastor of the Church, and Rev. T. D. P. Stone was chosen Scribe, *pro tem.*

Delegates.

The following persons were enrolled as members, by virtue of certificates from their respective Associations, viz:—

Andover Association,	Rev. Amos Blanchard, Rev. S. W. Hanks.
Berkshire Association,	Rev. E. B. Andrews, Rev. Samuel Howe.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Nathaniel Cogswell, Rev. Jacob White.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. James Kimball.
Essex North Association,	Rev. Nathan Monroe, Rev. B. F. Hosford.
Essex South Association,	Rev. W. S. Coggin, Rev. H. S. Greene.
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Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. George Fisher, Rev. Dudley Phelps.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., Rev. Luther Sheldon.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. Sylvester Holmes, Rev. William Gould.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. J. L. Arms, Rev. Aaron Foster.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. A. W. McClure, Rev. F. T. Perkins.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Christopher Marsh, Rev. George A. Oviatt.
Taunton Association,	Rev. J. B. M. Bailey, Rev. Enoch Sanford.
Vineyard Sound Association,	Rev. Asahel Cobb.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Francis Horton, Rev. Oren Sikes.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. J. W. Cross, Rev. James Averell.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. Lewis Sabin, Rev. A. P. Marvin.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. J. S. Clark, Rev. Lyman Gilbert.

Ex-Officio.

Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, Pastor of the Winnisimmet Congregational Church in Chelsea.

Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly (annual) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. W. G. Bell.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. E. L. Cleaveland, and Rev. J. Eldridge.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Phineas Cook.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, D. D.

General Conference of Maine, Rev. S. C. Fessenden.

General Association of New York, Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. A. S. Allen.

General Congregational Association of Iowa, Rev. Reuben Gaylord.

Honorary Members.

Delegates to the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Messrs. J. L. Taylor, and E. N. Kirk.

Delegate to the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Thomas T. Richmond.

Organization.

Rev. Dudley Phelps was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. S. Clark, Scribe; and Rev. T. D. P. Stone, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Alteration of the Rules.

The Committee appointed last year, to report, at the opening of this meeting, certain alterations in the Rules regulating the exercises of the General Association, presented their report;—which was briefly discussed, and ordered to be laid on the table till tomorrow morning.

Committees.

The following Committees were appointed:—

On Elections,—Messrs. S. Holmes, A. W. McClure, and N. Monroe.

Of Arrangements,—Messrs. R. S. Storrs, D. D., I. P. Langworthy, and Luther Sheldon.

Of Nomination,—Messrs. T. C. Biscoe, C. Marsh, and N. Coggswell.

On Accounts,—Messrs. R. S. Storrs, D. D., and N. Monroe.

Of Publication,—Messrs. J. S. Clark, C. Marsh, and I. P. Langworthy.

To prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion,—Messrs. T. Packard, Jr., N. Beach, J. P. Cleaveland, D. D., G. A. Oviatt, and J. W. Cross.

Voted, That the several sessions of each day be opened at 8 o'clock, A. M., 2 o'clock, P. M., and 7¾, in the evening.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning,—a sermon, by Rev. Dr. Cleaveland, having been previously announced for the evening.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous day were read.

The Rules of the Association were read, in connection with the second reading of the Report recommending alterations in the exercises of the meetings. After a full discussion, and a vote adopting that part of the report relating to the narratives of the state of religion, the vote was reconsidered, and the whole subject indefinitely postponed.

Reports of delegates to Foreign Bodies were heard.

Letter from the Third Presbytery, N. Y.

A letter from the stated Clerk of the Third Presbytery of N. Y., was read, reminding the Association of a Rule, mutually adopted by this Body and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, requiring testimonials from the Presbyteries or Associations of each, before receiving members from the Presbyteries or Associations of the other. [See Appendix.]

Place of next Meeting.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Body be held in the Meeting-house of the Eliot Society, Roxbury.

A letter from the Secretary, T. Snell, D. D., was read, assigning reasons for non-attendance, and authorizing Rev. J.

Kimball, delegate from the Brookfield Association, to act as Treasurer in his stead.

Pastoral Address.

Rev. L. Sabin read the Pastoral Address;—which was approved, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Voted, That Messrs. L. Griggs, H. A. Tracy, and N. Beach, of the Harmony Association, be a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for the next year.

Treasury.

The Report of the Committee on Accounts was presented and accepted; and in accordance with its recommendation, a tax of *twenty-five cents* was levied on each member of the several district Associations for the ensuing year.

Non-resident Church-members.

Agreeably to a desire expressed by the Old Colony Association,—Voted, That a column for non-resident members be added to the Schedule for the Annual Reports of the State of the Churches.

Designation of Ministers not in the Pastoral Office.

In answer to a question propounded by the Vineyard Sound Association,—Voted, That, according to the sense of this Body, the proper designation of a minister employed by the churches, without ordination or installation, is STATED SUPPLY.

Preacher on Home Missions.

Rev. Seth Sweetser, of Worcester, was appointed *primary*, and Rev. Samuel Harris, of Conway, *substitute*, to preach the sermon on Home Missions at the next meeting of the General Association.

Agent for distributing the Minutes.

Rev. J. S. Clark, (28 Cornhill, Boston,) was appointed to superintend the distribution of the Minutes, according to the provisions of the 31st Rule.

Addresses in behalf of Benevolent Societies.

The Association suspended its ordinary business, and was addressed, briefly, by

Rev. W. B. Tappan, on the claims of the American Sunday School Union.

Rev. S. Day, on the claims of the American Protestant Society and Christian Alliance.

Rev. J. Emerson, on the claims of the American Education Society.

Rev. E. N. Kirk, on the claims of the Ladies' Society for Education at the West.

Rev. Joseph Tracy, on the claims of the Massachusetts Colonization Society.

Rev. J. Edwards, D. D., on the claims of the American Sabbath Union.

A letter was also read from the Congregational Association of Canada East, asking sympathy and aid.

Report on training the Young for the service of Christ.

The Committee appointed last year, to consider and report "What measures are desirable to secure the attention, sympathies, and coöperation of the younger members of our congregations, and enlist our young men in the service of Christ," presented their Report, which was adopted; and, in accordance with its recommendation, a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. E. Beecher, D. D., W. A. Stearns, A. C. Thompson, J. S. Clark, C. Hitchcock, D. D., A. Peters, D. D., and L. Withington, was appointed to investigate the whole subject of the connection between common-school education and religion; and report to the next General Association.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, made the following report, which was adopted:—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Annual,)

Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.,	Primaries.
Rev. A. A. Wood,	
Rev. J. Woodbridge, D. D.,	Substitutes.
Rev. A. W. McClure,	

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Triennial,)

Rev. R. McEwen, } Primaries.
Rev. A. Ely, D. D., }
Rev. A. Peters, D. D., } Substitutes.
Rev. Francis Horton, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. B. Emerson, D. D., } Primaries.
Rev. H. B. Hooker, }
Rev. R. M. Chipman, } Substitutes.
Rev. J. N. Tarbox, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. S. Holmes, } Primaries.
Rev. E. Russell, }
Rev. James Bradford, } Substitutes.
Rev. Nathaniel Cogswell, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. George Fisher, } Primaries.
Rev. Israel W. Putnam, }
Rev. C. Marsh, } Substitutes.
Rev. J. B. M. Bailey, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Dudley Phelps, } Primaries.
Rev. E. Dowse, }
Rev. O. A. Taylor, } Substitutes.
Rev. T. Packard, Jr., }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. I. P. Langworthy, } Primaries.
Rev. Cyrus Stone, }
Rev. T. C. Biscoe, } Substitutes.
Rev. Charles S. Porter, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. S. Osgood, D. D., } Primaries.
Rev. E. Y. Swift, }
Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D., } Substitutes.
Rev. Aaron Pickett, }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. J. W. Ward, } Primaries.
Rev. Alvan Cobb, }
Rev. Elam Smalley, } Substitutes.
Rev. U. C. Burnap, }

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. E. Sanford, Primary.
Rev. Sewall Harding, Substitute.

To the General Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. W. A. Peabody, Primary.
Rev. T. T. Richmond, Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.

Rev. David Dyer, Primary.
Rev. David Sanford, Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of England, Wales, and Ireland.

Rev. E. Beecher, D. D., Primary.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment.

Alteration of the 26th Rule.

The following proposed substitute for the 26th Rule of the Association, was presented, and passed to a second reading :— "It shall be the duty of the Publishing Committee to receive the narratives and statements, and condense them into one narrative, to be published with the Minutes, without being read to the Association."

The remainder of the session was spent in listening to narratives of the state of Religion within the bounds of Massachusetts, and in other parts of the country represented by Foreign Delegates.

Adjourned to meet at $7\frac{3}{4}$ o'clock this evening.

Wednesday evening, 7¾ *o'clock.* Met according to adjournment, and heard the annual sermon on Home Missions—which was preached by Rev. Elam Smalley, of Worcester, assisted in the devotional exercises by Rev. Messrs. F. Horton, and R. S. Storrs, D. D. Text,—"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace." Rom. x: 15. A collection of $22 60 was taken up at the close.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock.* Met at the appointed hour. The roll was called, and the session was opened with prayer by the Moderator. After the reading of the minutes, several delegates obtained leave of absence from the afternoon session.

The proposed alteration of the 26th Rule, was read the second time, discussed, and rejected.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

The Committee, appointed for the purpose, presented, through their chairman, Rev. T. Packard, Jr., a condensed Narrative of the State of Religion,—which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Ireland.

Rev. Alexander King, of Ireland, was introduced to the Association by the Moderator, and made an earnest plea for evangelical efforts in behalf of his countrymen at home.

The following resolutions, in behalf of various objects of Christian benevolence brought before this Body at different meetings, were unanimously adopted:—

In behalf of the Irish.

Resolved, That the statements of the Rev. A. King, of Dublin, have been heard with deep interest by this Body; and that we present, through him, to the Congregational Churches of Ireland, the assurance of our warm fraternal feeling toward them, and our lively sympathy in their endeavors to promote a pure and primitive Christianity in their own country, and to spread the sound and salutary doctrines of entire voluntariness in the support of religion, and of political and religious liberty.

Resolved, That we strongly urge upon the churches in our connection, to render to Rev. Mr. King their cordial encouragement, and their liberal contributions, to aid in the great and good work wherein he is engaged.

In behalf of the American Protestant Society and Christian Alliance.

Resolved, That, in view of the *present* interesting position of the Papacy in this and in foreign lands;—in view, also, of the statements made to this Body, by *Rev. Samuel Day*, respecting the *American Protestant Society*,—a missionary organization which seeks the conversion of the Roman Catholics of this country, by Missionary, Bible, Colporteur, and Tract agencies, speaking the truth to Papists in love;—in view, also, of the object aimed at by the *Christian Alliance*, whose object is, through the agency of all Evangelical denominations, to prepare the way for the spread of the Gospel in Italy and other papal countries of Europe, by securing universal religious liberty;—we do commend these Societies, in their present plan of coöperation, to the confidence of the churches and pastors within our bounds.

In behalf of the Sabbath Union.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the object and operations of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union, as stated to us by their Secretary, and earnestly recommend, that a copy of the Sabbath Manual be put, as far as practicable, into every family that is disposed to receive it, throughout the United States.

Statistics of the Churches.

The Association having been informed that the statistics of more than *eighty* of the Churches had not been furnished, it was voted, (after an expression of many painful but unavailing regrets,) That the Publishing Committee be requested to issue a printed Circular to each delinquent, soliciting an immediate return.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be presented to Rev. I. P. Langworthy and the people of Chelsea, for their

liberal hospitality during the present meeting, and also to the Choir for their very acceptable service; and that Rev. Mr. Langworthy be requested to communicate the same.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.* Met according to adjournment, and heard the Associational Sermon; which was preached by Rev. W. P. Paine, of Holden, from the text, 2 Kings, iv: 9,— "And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God which passeth by us continually." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Messrs. P. Cook, and W. Gould.

After prayer and singing the Doxology, voted to adjourn.

DUDLEY PHELPS, *Moderator.*
J. S. CLARK, *Scribe.*
T. D. P. STONE, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

An account of the state of religion among the seventy thousand members of our four hundred and fifty churches in this Commonwealth, must be somewhat general in its character and limited in extent. During another year, a benignant Providence has vigilantly guarded and kindly prospered the general interests of evangelical religion within our limits. Moral evils, that have long been the grief of holy men, that have marred the beauty of Zion, that have clogged the chariot-wheels of salvation, and have conduced to the eternal ruin of our fellow-men, still exist among us, and call for hearty, solemn humiliation before God, and demand faithful effort, and earnest, importunate, holy prayer for their removal. Some of these spiritual maladies may not rage so violently, or prevail so widely, or produce their terrible results so directly and so speedily, just at the present period, as they have done in some former times. Yet their inevitable tendency is, to enervate Zion's strength, hinder the conversion of men, and offend the adorable Father, Son, and Spirit. Continuing to operate, they will issue in death eternal to immortal souls.

A definite allusion to some of these just occasions for our lamentation, self-abasement, and supplication to Almighty God, may not be entirely void of a salutary influence. The violation of the Sabbath, vain and injurious amusements among the young, the spirit and practice of speculation and making haste to be rich, the lack of interest and neglect of duty among Christians in holding spiritual converse with each other and in attending seasons of social prayer, and a measure of sinful indifference and criminal unconcern, too extensive both among

pastors and churches, whether Zion's captivity be turned like streams in the south, or she still continue in the dark and cheerless house of spiritual bondage—*these* are among our iniquities, that make the fearful barrier between us and our God, that exclude the sun-light of his countenance from our souls, and that obstruct to such a degree the waters of life and salvation from flowing through the channel of Christian hearts over the barren wastes of moral death, and along the dreary valley of dry bones. The great and general delinquency among the Redeemer's ransomed people, in not more earnestly and sincerely importuning Him to dwell in them and to reign over them by his grace, furnishes a sufficient reason to account for that measure of the withdrawal of his gracious presence from the churches, which we now experience. A failure on the part of those, who have been taught to pray, faithfully to invite, and with tears and strong desires and agonies of grief, to beseech the Divine Comforter to revive their hearts, and to convince and convert the ungodly, may fairly and justly account for his most lamentable absence from pastors, churches, and people. A spirit to welcome most heartily this Almighty Agent to the performance of his glorious office-works in the midst of us, is indispensably requisite, to secure the Holy Spirit's presence and operations among us. God will be inquired of to do this great favor. Appropriate and instructive is the prayer of the royal penitent,—"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

Great as may be our offences, and dark as may be the aspects of the Lord's vineyard, that we have contemplated, far be it from us to overlook, or fail most devoutly and gratefully to appreciate the rich and abundant mercies of God towards this portion of his Israel. Slow to anger and unwilling to depart from us, has been the Lord our God. His footsteps have lingered about the towers and gates of his spiritual temple, until his head is filled with dew and his locks with the drops of the night. Loud and kind and long has been his call,—"Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me."

Joyfully and thankfully do we recognize the Lord's hand, in continuing to his churches Christian ordinances and teachers. It is a cheering omen, that so many of the ministers of the

word sustain the pastoral relation to those among whom they minister, that vacant churches are so readily and promptly supplied with pastors, and that there is among ministers and people an increasing appreciation of the value of stability and permanence in the pastoral office. A readiness to extend the ministrations of the Gospel among the increasing population of our cities and villages, and the formation of new churches, wherever desirable and practicable, are cheering indications of good. The spirit of Christian benevolence has lived, and thrived, and brought forth an increase of fruit the year past. The increasing interest felt in Sabbath-school and Bible-class instruction, and the regular, numerous attendance upon this means of grace by children and parents, and the obvious and frequent smiles of Heaven upon this institution, furnish occasion for joy and encouragement. The more extensive introduction of the Assembly's Shorter Catechism into Sabbath schools from year to year, indicates a happy prevalence of a relish for scriptural doctrine, and a love of the form of sound words. A growing sense of the immense need of vigilantly watching, thoroughly indoctrinating, and faithfully training up the rising generation in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, furnishes some hope and encouragement, that a more faithful ministry and a holier church will bless the next generation. The general prevalence of peace and harmony in the churches, and the pleasing manifestations of love and good-will among brethren, are just occasions for devout thanksgivings to Almighty God. The refreshing drops of Divine mercy, which have fallen to such an extent upon our beloved heritage, and especially the invigorating showers of heavenly grace, that have watered the plants of the Lord, and started the seed of sacred truth, that had long lain in barren hearts, into moral verdure, beauty, and fruit, claim our grateful hosannas to the God of salvation, to the Redeemer of sinners, and to the Holy Ghost, our Sanctifier.

Revivals of religion, of greater or less power and extent, have been enjoyed the year past, within the limits of Andover Association, and Berkshire, Essex North, Franklin, Hampden East, Hampshire, Hampshire East, Mendon, Middlesex South, Middlesex Union, Suffolk North, Suffolk South, Taunton, Worcester North, and Worcester Central Associations. Revivals have been reported, without mentioning the number of conversions, in Conway, East Charlemont, Plainfield, Granby, Enfield, Wrentham Centre, Dunstable, Littleton, Shirley, Norton, Berlin, Holden, and Rutland. In South Williamstown

are reported ten or fifteen cases of conversion, in Williamstown, forty or fifty; in the Spring-street Church in Taunton, twenty; in West Bradford, twenty-five, and all among the young; in Cabotville, twenty-five, and, all but one, Sabbath-school scholars, and all under thirty-five years of age; in West Haverhill, twenty-seven; at Chicopee Falls, thirty; in Westminster, thirty; in West Medway, thirty or forty; in East Attleboro', forty or fifty; in West Boylston, sixty; in Heath, fifty; in Pittsfield, about one hundred; and in Shrewsbury, more than one hundred. Seasons of refreshing have also been enjoyed in Williams College, Phillips Academy, Young Ladies' Institute and Young Men's School in Pittsfield, Williston Seminary, and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. In several of the places enumerated, the influences of the Holy Spirit are still descending. That the Almighty Jehovah has revived his work and plead his cause within the limits of fifteen Associations, in twenty-seven Churches whose names have been reported, and in six Literary Institutions, gathering about nine hundred souls, reckoning only where definite numbers have been reported, gathering about nine hundred souls, at least, into the kingdom of God our Saviour, during the year, we have great cause for thank-offerings and songs of praise to God and the Lamb and the eternal Spirit.

While death has removed many of the brotherhood from their labors on earth to their rest in heaven, several beloved and valuable standard bearers among the leaders of Israel's hosts have fallen with their armor about them, and entered upon the glorious enjoyment of everlasting victory over sin and death. Rev. Messrs. Mansfield of Wenham, Bennett of Woburn, Conditt of South Hadley, and Drs. Tenney of Northampton, and Codman of Dorchester, rest from their labors, and their works follow them. "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?"

We have also been gratified in hearing encouraging reports from Ministerial and Ecclesiastical Bodies in correspondence with us, in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the General Assembly (meeting annually) of the Presbyterian Church.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren,—

In the counsels given you by this Association in years past, you have been faithfully warned against outward dangers, as well as reminded of inward deficiencies; and those fraternal admonitions, we trust, have contributed to your spiritual safety and prosperity.

From the signs of the times, as indicating the present condition of the churches within our bounds, it seems to us, that the main causes of their general depression lie in themselves. As a famine or a pestilence may arise from causes operating silently and unseen, so, we believe, a spiritual dearth and wasting may befal the Church, not so much from the crusades of her enemies, or any temptations from without, as from deplorable evils or defects within—we mean in the *very hearts of her members*. External assaults and perils, it is true, may prove disastrous because they are not duly shunned or resisted; whilst if all were sound and pure and strong *within*, they would prove no more than a wholesome and invigorating discipline. The subject then on which we are now to address you, is the fundamental virtue of *Christian Love considered with respect to its magnanimity or essential greatness*. By way of illustration we remark,—

1. That Christian love *nourishes liberal and magnanimous sentiments in general*. With respect to those who claim the praise of liberality for laxness of opinion, or for an ample scepticism rather than for a broad and deep faith, we do not admit their claim. If those who can see no attribute of God but

paternal tenderness, no evil in man deeper than a misfortune, who regard much of the Scriptures as fabulous, and have little dread of error as opposed to truth and fatal to man's welfare, if such require us to call them liberal, we cannot so desecrate that noble word. In that so-called charity, whose impulses, if not indulgent to sin, are at least adverse to justice, and which imagines that benevolence is incompatible with punishment, we see not magnanimity, but partiality and gross delusion. True Christian love presents no feature thus deformed. It is, like the love of Christ, a world-wide but well-proportioned affection. You may see in it the sterner looks of righteousness and the divine law, blending harmoniously with the milder light of mercy and forgiveness. We call that mind magnanimous which embraces *all* the great principles of moral goodness, and holds them in their true relations—a holy regard for right and for justice, in perfect symmetry with benevolence and compassion. It is a mind that sees at once how a gospel of peace on earth and good will to men, must of necessity wage a war of extermination against error and sin.

As every eye delights in the flowers and the stars, all hearts blessing them as beautiful, so we have a like universal testimony to the nobleness of Christian love. This is the essential power and transcendent charm of moral excellence. What heart ever felt it without being strengthened in the highest virtues, or what eye ever saw it but with admiration and pleasure? How masterly in its *kindness*—kindness not only where there is much to win kindness, but where there is much to provoke anger—kindness as real to opponents and enemies as to partisans and friends—kindness not less in reproving and punishing than in praising and rewarding—and kindness not more under smiles and gifts than under insults and abuse. How magnanimous is love, when by a soft answer it turneth away wrath, or by some noble sacrifice ruleth out strife, and by "a serene and majestic patience," overcometh evil with good! This is the restorer of harmony to seats of discord, and of all pleasant paths to dwell in. Without it Christian alliances, brotherhoods and sacred leagues of peace will fall asunder, as flax at the touch of fire. In its perfection it is the most glorious attribute of God, and in its imperfection the superlative grace of man. This is the beauty and the greatness which we see in the character of Christ. And if there be any similitude of the same in us, it is the enlargement and adorning of his love.

2. We observe more definitely, that Christian love *disposes the mind to comprehensive views of duty.* He who has a small heart for Christian enterprise and labor, will often fail to see his duty even when it lies in plain sight. He will be apt to ask, how *little* effort and true Christian manhood may be sufficient to screen my character from public disgrace? In how much indolence may I indulge myself, and yet be saved, though as by fire? But he who has a large heart for Christian exertions and sacrifices, will not be thus contracted in his views of duty, nor thus narrow in his dealings with his Redeemer and a suffering world. Any conscious withholding from the cause of Christ more than is meet, would cost him as deep a pang of guilt and blush of shame as an act of common fraud which brands the doer of it as a knave. The man whose heart has been enlarged by Christian love, will not measure his duty nor estimate his character by the standard of human laws and opinions, nor by the pigmy stature of some around him called Christians; but by the only true standard, the divine law—the example of Christ. He will not imagine himself holy because he abstains from things forbidden, whilst he omits to do what God commands him. Liberalized by Christian love, he will not think himself a good man for his proper acts of devotion in the sanctuary, the family, and the closet, so long as he is unfaithful in the weightier matters of justice, mercy, and the love of God. No more will he deem it Christian virtue to exert himself in any moral enterprises, whilst he neglects the ordinances of Christ and the means of grace; for he knows that Christ enjoins diligence in both of these departments of holy action. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Have we not reason to fear that there are many in our churches whose views of duty are partial and illiberal, because their vision is dim from a scanty light glow, or else cut off in the midst by some beclouding lust? Urge them to look abroad and survey the whole scope of their duty, and they seem to look as through a long and slender tube, discerning only here and there a spot in the wide landscape. But if Christ spoke truly when he said, "The field is the world," how can it be so circumscribed? Brethren, what is your heart's response to his command, that you give the gospel to every creature? In what measure do you sympathize with him, in that he suffered and died for *all men?* And how much does your soul yearn to do for them, even beyond your ability? For in such measure, we think, you have the magnanimity of Christian love.

3. We may see the greatness of true benevolence, *when contrasted with its opposite, or the want of it.* Our Saviour took some pains to unfold this matter. Away with your tradition, that one may admit only neighbors and friends into the inclosure of his affections, repelling strangers and foes, and yet be a good man. I tell you that this is doing no better than those wretches, the publicans. If you confer benefits only for some *requital*, where is your virtue? For there is no man too vicious to do that. It is not above the philanthropy of banditti. I charge you to enlarge your affections, and love your enemies; "do good and lend, *hoping for nothing again*, and ye shall be the children of the Highest." In magnanimity of disposition, you shall resemble God; for it is on this principle of gracious love, that he is eternally acting.

The contrast between this and its opposite, may be seen in living examples. The man who is wanting in Christian love, is not the man to bless them that curse him, or to be bounteous expecting no recompense. He is not a true peacemaker; for though he may advocate peace when he deems it politic, or when weary of the confused noise of the battle and of garments rolled in blood, yet sooner than make any great and benevolent *sacrifices* for peace, he would see every delightsome land filled with carnage and desolation. And when this man is found in the Church, as we grieve to say he sometimes is, does he ever pray, "Father, forgive them?" Is his breath ever fragrant with an humble and quiet spirit, that most beautiful ornament of the inner temple? Is there in him *any* element of the magnanimity of Christ? So far from it, that he is unmerciful, and will hardly feed the hungry or succor the distressed, when there is no eye to see but the Omniscient. You remember the story of a man wounded by robbers and left by the way-side half dead. *Why* do the priest and the Levite pass by and move not a finger to lift up that bleeding stranger? Ah! he is not of their rank nor tribe, but only "a *certain man*," peradventure an Ethiopian, or an East Indian—how can he *remunerate* them for their trouble and cost? O the cruelty of a soul without love! But when the Samaritan comes, he binds up the sufferer's wounds, caring for no expense of oil and wine, or other means of soothing and healing. "When he saw him, he had compassion on him." There was the secret. No matter from what continent or island the afflicted wayfarer may have come. It is enough for a loving heart, that he is a fellow-man in distress. For the unloving soul, nothing is enough but a substantial *equivalent* for all that

ing difference of the promises and prospective blessings of God's gracious covenant.

2. *The perpetuity and growth of the Church* require the religious training of baptized children. Christian families are the nurseries of the Church on earth, as *it* is the nursery of the Church in heaven. Nor is there a more alarming index of its condition, than the few that tread in the steps of their religious parents. Death is making inroads upon Zion. The fathers and mothers in Israel are passing away, and a proportionable number of their sons and daughters are not found prepared to fill their places in the Church. Many of our churches have, for several years past, reported, if not an absolute diminution, at least no increase of numbers, or only a small one, to the standard of Jesus Christ. If these things are so, we have cause for alarm. We know that it is not within the power of man to confer regenerating grace. And with respect to those who deny the native depravity of the human heart, and declare that children may be made Christians by education, we have no confidence in their doctrine. But we know that the providence and the word of God afford the most explicit and ample promises and encouragements to parental and Christian exertions for the conversion of children. Indeed no labor has the prospect of so great ultimate results. Whatever may be the aggressive efforts of our churches upon the empire of darkness, —whatever success they may have in holding forth the word of life, in gathering numbers from the world, and in founding churches in foreign lands, still we would cherish the conviction that the chief hope of the Church, in respect to future generations, is *in itself*. The children of the Church are the young trees which are to make the future forest;—they are the nursery, which, by the budding and grafting of the tender shoots, gives the prospective character of the orchard, as "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." The Church, having gathered a community, preserves what it gains. This principal is vital to the prosperity of the Church. "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children." Under the ancient dispensation, the Church, then a local and stationary witness for God, accepted the entail of the covenant as its great distinctive peculiarity, and relied for its perpetuity and growth, under the divine blessing, on teaching diligently the knowledge of God's sacred word to the children found always within its own families. The Christian Church has, indeed, received the distinct additional charge,— "Go ye into all the world, and teach all nations, baptizing

them." But it should be remembered, that this great commission has not, in the least, disparaged the old principle of perpetuating the Church by retaining its own beloved offspring, and rearing them up "a holy seed," to be in the Church instead of the fathers. Indeed it is only by so living to Christ, in the family, as shall be the means of gathering the children into the fold of the Saviour, that we can be at all prepared to extend his kingdom among "those who are afar off." What success can we expect in the work of propagating religion in the world, if it be not propagated in our own households,—if getting money, as the chief good of life, or some other "Moloch, besmeared with infant blood," be set up in our families? If children are not brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and the influences of the Holy Spirit do not descend upon them, what, in a few years, will be the sad condition of the churches? Can piety flourish? What will become of these unconverted sons and daughters? Their present state is sufficiently distressing. Their future prospects must be appalling. We exhort the churches to think on this subject; to *think* on it with a serious, prayerful attention, correspondent to its immense importance. They who now constitute the Church ought to tremble, lest at their doors should be laid the guilt of raising an irreligious progeny, and at their hands be required the blood of sons and daughters to be born in ages to come. If this gloomy issue is to be prevented, Christians must pause and consider. We commend to the churches the following counsels:—

That they beware of coveting for their offspring that "friendship of the world" which is "enmity with God,"—and of allowing them in loose and profligate habits, or in frivolous and vain amusements, only saying with Eli, "Nay, my sons, it is no good report that I hear." That they teach them to reverence *the Church*, as God's institution for conveying blessings to the world, "the pillar and ground of the truth,"—and to abhor the conduct of those who abandon the testimony of God, and denounce his institutions. That they seek, by unwearied exertions, their conversion, and their admission, on proper evidence of true piety, to full communion with the church. And, as the success of all human endeavors depends on the divine blessing, we suggest that in our churches, the stated sacramental lecture be considered as a special season for earnest, united prayer, for that blessing. Let professing parents, on that occasion, like Israel in the plain of Moab (Deut. xxix) stand before the Lord with their "little ones," and, while they

ings, how can we be worthy of him, unless we take up the cross and follow him? How can we reign with him, unless we suffer? How shall we resemble him in magnanimity, unless, like the Apostles, we receive the baptism of his love, so as to count it all joy to drink somewhat of the same cup of affliction? As in nothing was he greater than in the sacrifice to which he was prompted by redeeming benevolence, so by nothing is the soul of his disciple made greater than by the spontaneous sacrifices of Christian love.

Again, Christian love is *the mainspring of true Christian courage*. The Christian fears God, with a holy and tender fear, in proportion as he loves him; and the more he has of this fear, the less is it possible for him to fear man unduly; and this is one of the senses in which "perfect love casteth out fear." It is true, that the Christian's Master is the Prince of peace; and yet he came not to send peace on the earth, but a sword, and every one who serves him, must *endure hardness* as a good soldier. But if, with the meekness of a lamb, he would have also the boldness of a lion, he must have a heart of great love. This is not more essential to Christian gentleness and forbearance, than to holy indignation and effective courage.

Moved by its power, we shall not more heartily say, "Who is weak and I am not weak," than "who is offended and I burn not?" We remember that the Christian is to leave off contention before it be meddled with; and yet he is to contend earnestly, and his life must be one of conflicts. We do not forget that the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle to all men; and yet, if he strive not for masteries, and that lawfully, he will never be crowned. We will not forget that he must be very lowly in heart, pitiful, and forgiving; and yet he is to win by fighting, and his soul is to tread down strength in the fiercest of battles. But wanting in love, how can his soul be fortified and emboldened to deeds of valor in the Christian warfare? Will he ever plant the banner of the Cross on any rampart of sin, whilst he falters and quivers before a face of mere clay? What will this pusillanimous man, who, instead of putting on the whole armor of God and *standing*, flees from the darts and quails even at the sneers of the enemy—what will he achieve for the cause of Christ, nay, what disaster will he not bring upon it, until he has more of the magnanimous courage of Christian love? Without this, nothing will induce him to enlist in the warfare with a hearty devotion to it. Without this, he will not be duly affected by the moral grandeur of *the cause* for which he is called to contend. But loving much, he

will feel that it is a cause in which the hosts of error and legions of sin are marshalled against the dearest rights of all good beings. Loving much, he will have some right enthusiam in an enterprise by which not only myriads of immortal souls are to be rescued from the worst captivity, but by which the citadel of his own soul, the dwellings of the innocent and the homes of the angels are to be defended. Loving much, he will feel that he contends for a *liberty* a thousand-fold nobler and sweeter than was ever the prize of an earthly victor. Loving much, he will no more resemble the man who loves little, than *Mr. Greatheart*, who smote down the grim giants obstructing his way, resembled one *Timorous* frightened by the lions, though chained and sleeping. Loving much, he will catch the spirit of those brave old warriors of whom the world was not worthy, who waxed valiant in fight, and, though slain, subdued kingdoms. Loving much, he will stand in the same line of battle with the true martyrs, who encountered all dangers and forms of death, saying, "None of these things move me"—who met every instrument of torture, which tyrants and devils could invent, and in the closest fight, under the shield of faith, fell, but conquered. O ye soldiers of Christ, are you faint and afraid? What! are not your weapons a panoply of etherial temper? Are not your companions in arms, those who bore the heroic heart of magnanimous love? Have you a wavering confidence in that glorious leader who has trodden the wine-press alone—who scales before you the perilous steep —who stands before you in "the imminent deadly breach," and vanquishes your mightiest foes? Do you not know that he has infinite genius and strength, and holds in his hands all the elements of good fortune? Surely, if out of *love* you have entered the army of him to whom all the redeemed look up as their invincible and adorable champion, then, instead of trembling in dismay before the enemy's front, you will rush forth to the conflict, and so, by Christian love, will conquer through him who giveth you the victory.

Finally, the loving heart will aspire to a *high standard of holy activity* in the service of Christ. In nothing is the heavenly so much above the earthly as in the beneficent energies of Christian love. How it transforms the haughty sluggard into a lowly servant meet for the kingdom of heaven! Incited by it, he will no more linger about the vineyard when Christ bids him enter and work there, than he would mingle in the circles of the impious. As in the mother, so in the Christian, love says ever to its object, let me toil, let me suffer, and sometimes

let me die for you. In the intense activity of a soul quickened by Christian love—an activity in which indeed love finds its only true and happy rest—in this we see *celestial* greatness. For what is heaven, but the spirit and the delight of serving with immortal vigor springing from holy love? Why do the angels abide always in the effulgence of divine glory, but because they have joy in serving? What! are they not all *ministering* spirits, serving in the depth and fervor of their love? Only suppose this to be subtracted from their character. To what end would be their exalted intelligence, their excelling strength and rapidity of motion? What would become of their resplendent purity, their blissful alacrity in perfect obedience? How soon would those voices, ever most eloquent in praise, be silent! No more anthems of "glory to God in the highest"—no more rejoicing at the repentance of a single sinner. No more, with swift wing and beautiful humility, would they visit the poor saint below, to strengthen him in his weakness, to succor him in his conflicts, or to comfort him in sorrow. In what then is the angel greatest, but in that heavenly love which actuates him in his eternal ministerings? Or what is the sublimest magnanimity of Christ, but that mighty love which moved him to go down through the depths of his unparalleled humiliation and suffering? Who then shall be the greatest on earth, but he, who, from the deepest love, shall be the humblest servant of all?

Brethren, let us lay the subject to heart. What is the strength and the beauty of our churches—how great the moral power they are exerting! For this is the power of love. It was an infidel prince, who uttered the memorable exclamation, "Behold how these Christians love one another!" Unbelieving and hardened as he was, he could still feel, nay, he could not *help* feeling some admiration of that which excites all heaven to eternal activity in goodness. And if the principalities of sin are to feel, from us, the power of Christian virtue, they must behold, in our lives, the power of Christian love. What fruit, then, are we bearing under the culture of superabounding grace bestowed upon us? What is the measure of our self-denial, our courage, and our endeavors in the service of Christ? Is the sword of the spirit so wielded by us as to be constantly aggressive and victorious? Whilst more and wider fields are opening, whilst the Macedonian cry is becoming louder and more importunate, and our means of doing good are increasing, in what ratio is our *beneficence* increasing? For such is the measure of our Christian love. When the enchantress of this

world weaves her spells most cunningly, or sings her incantations most temptingly, do we steadfastly resist her seductive arts? If not, we want the strong safeguard of Christian love. And is not here our *great* deficiency—that which is the main cause of our feebleness and declension? Who of us has no need to say to his own soul, be thou enlarged and filled with that love which will assimilate thee to thy Redeemer? Let the world see among us no strife, who shall be the greatest, except in lowly serving—washing one another's feet. "Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." O for that greatness which has its emblem in the innocence of a little child!—the nobleness of toiling, daring, suffering for the happiness of fallen and sorrowing men! O for the magnanimity and the blessedness which dwell in long-suffering love! For this is the magnanimity of Christ—this is the blessedness of heaven. Let us cherish it, brethren, for our highest joy is the joy of love. Our noblest freedom is that of hearts made free by love, the blissful and glorious freedom of angels and of God. Let us cherish it, that we may no more grieve the Holy Spirit, that the early and the latter rain may descend upon us, that the garden of the Lord may bloom, and the fruit thereof shake like Lebanon, that our peace may be as a river, and our righteousness as the waves of the sea. Then shall we be prepared to dwell forever where every heart and voice—where all the air and all the light is love.

Its practical tendencies to enlarge and liberalize the heart,—to guard and elevate the rights of the people,—to favor civil liberty and impart the capacity for self-government,—and to promote the intelligence, virtue and piety of the people, are seen and known. Its adaptation to different periods and circumstances, is peculiar and striking. It has been justly remarked, that, "such is the truly liberal and catholic spirit, which characterizes the principles of Congregationalism, that, if the millennium were to commence tomorrow, there would be no need of modifying or changing any one of these principles." Let the children of the churches be taught to cherish its free, scriptural, and precious principles.

May the promise be fulfilled, in respect to the present generation of Christians, "Their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 25, 1847.	Balance in the Treasury, . . .	$86 19	
	Excess of estimates of outstanding accounts,	38 74	124 93
	Contra, Dr.		
May 1, 1848.	Postage on letters, ...	$ 50	
" 25, "	Paid to Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, for printing 1,000 copies of Minutes for 1847, &c.	133 50	
	Travelling expenses of the Secretary's substitute, in attending annual meeting at Chelsea, 1848, estimated at . . .	5 00	138 00
	Leaving the Treasury minus		$14 00
	The tax to be collected June, 1848, of twenty-five cents each member, may amount to . . .		75 00
	Which will leave in the Treasury, for expenses in 1849, ...		$61 00

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

R. S. STORRS, } *Auditors.*
N. MUNROE, }

☞ It is to be understood, that no part of the tax assessed last year has yet been received,—which in the foregoing account is estimated at $75.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arranged in the Alphabetical order of the several District Associations.

N. B. The columns denoting Parishes, Ministers, and date of Settlement, correspond with the facts as they were supposed to exist when the last meeting of the General Association was held, June, 1848. The number of Communicants are reported for 1st January preceding. The Admissions, Removals, and Baptisms, are designed to cover the year 1847. The Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes embrace both teachers and pupils who usually attend these exercises. In a *few* instances the number of church members has been supplied from the returns of the previous year—though not till all reasonable efforts have failed to secure the present number.

1. ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	122	327	449	4	6	10	9	9		18	1	8	350
" West,	Samuel C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	57	138	195	1	2	3	7	2		9		4	250
" North,	Wm. T. Briggs,	Nov. 4, 1846	19	38	57	1	3	4	3			3		5	130
" Theol. Sem	Ralph Emerson,														
Chelmsford, North,	Benj F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	36	52	88	1	1	2		6		6			85
Dracut, 1st Evan. ch.	G. W. Thompson,	Stated supply.	21	63	84	2	3	5	3	33		36	2		80
" West,	Vacant,		31	54	85										
" East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	12	25	37	1		1						3	80
Lawrence,	Lyman Whiting,	June 16, 1847	25	20	45	2	43	45	1	1		2		1	100
Lowell, 1st ch.	Willard Child,	Oct. 1, 1845	114	674	788	16	32	48	7	35		42	8	3	475
" Appleton-st. c.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	76	384	460		8	8	3	21		24			
" John-st. ch.	Stedman W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	97	432	529	12	18	30	2	26		28	1	10	426
" High-st. ch.	J. H. Towne,	1847	29	58	87										150
" Kirk-st. ch.	Amos Blanchard,	May 20, 1846	68	160	228	1	28	29	2	5		7	1	5	300
Methuen,	John C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	66	133	199										300
Tewksbury,	George Coggin,	Oct. 22, 1806													
	Moses Kimball,	Feb. 24, 1847	76	92	168	2	1	3	7	2		9		6	
Total, 16	16		849	2650	3499	43	145	188	44	140		184	13	45	2726

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Edwards, D. D., Sec. Am. For. Sab. Union, Andover: Milton Badger, D. D. Sec. A. H. M. Society, N. Y.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	47	93	140	9	10	19	4	10		14	5	5	130
" South,	J. J. Dana,	June 15, 1848	15	36	51	17	5	22		2	1	3	13	1	100
Alfred,	A. L. Crandall,	Stated supply	5	16	21	2	2	4					1		40
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	73	165	238	7	6	13	4	2		6	3	7	170
Dalton,	Oliver M. Sears,	Sept. 29, 1847	32	61	93	7	5	12		5		5	4	1	125
Egremont,	John G. Hall,	Oct. 19, 1842	24	59	83	1	7	8		3		3	1	4	80
Great Barrington,	Josiah W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	59	140	199	1	9	10	3	4	1	8	1	2	200
Hinsdale,	Edward Taylor,	Feb 3, 1847	66	112	178	49	10	59	3	5		8	25	21	290
Housatonic,	E. B. Andrews,	April 29, 1846	36	85	121	1	4	5		4		4		4	95
Lanesboro',	Alfred A. Gilbert,	July 29, 1847	25	35	60	2	5	7		1		1	1		60
Lee,	Ralph Smith,	Dec. 9, 1846	106	200	306	6	12	18	4	9		13	1	6	
Lenox,	Henry Neill,	Aug. 26, 1846	70	100	170					2		2		6	120
Monterey,	Samuel Howe,	July 24, 1844	40	69	109				4	5		9			90
New Marlboro', North	Chester Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1842	54	117	171	22	1	23	2	5		7	11	1	100
" South	Vacant,		28	57	85										90
Otis,	Hugh Gibson,	July 1, 1840	40	78	118					3		3			135
Peru,	Joseph Knight,	July 6, 1836	77	103	180	4	1	5	3	7		10	1	12	250
Pittsfield,	John Todd, D. D.	Feb 16, 1842	151	347	501*	44	20	64	19	22		41	12	17	400
Richmond,	Eber L Clark,	Jan. 20, 1838	31	65	96				1					3	50
Sandisfield,	Platt Tyler Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	68	171	239	14	7	21	2	2		4	6	3	200
Sheffield,	James Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	58	190	248	2	7	9	4	5		9		8	125
Stockbridge,	Tertius S Clarke,	June 15, 1837	100	167	267	1	5	6	9	7		16		12	215
" Curtisville,	S. P. Giddings,	Dec. 2, 1846	17	44	61	2	8	10	2	4		6	1	1	100
Washington,	Francis Norwood,	Sept. 2, 1846	16	34	50	3	1	4		1		1		1	
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	Sidney Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	33	63	96	8	1	9	3	4		7	5	1	99
" Village,	John Whiton,	Jan. 3, 1844	20	35	55		1	1		2		2		2	
Williamstown,	Absalom Peters, D. D.	Nov. 10, 1844	121	211	332	40	6	46	8	10	1	19	11	8	276
" South,	"	Occa. supply.	10	28	38				2	2		4			36
Williams College,	Mark Hopkins, D. D.														
Windsor,	George R Entler,	Dec. 1, 1847	45	60	105	17	8	25	2	2		4	7	2	110
Austerlitz, N. Y.	Samuel Utley,	June, 1848	25	74	99										
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.	Vacant,		39	73	112	12	3	15	5	3		8	8	2	70
New Concord, N. Y.	Theodore S. Brown,	Stated supply.	25	50	75	1	1	2	3	2		5	1	1	66
New Lebanon, N. Y.	Vacant,		26	48	74										60
Total. 34	30		1588	3186	4774	272	145	417	87	133	3	363	118	131	3882

* Not including 274 absent members.

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Alden, D. D., Williamstown, Prof. in College; R. S. Cook, Secretary Am Tract Society, New York; J. W. Davis, Trenton, N. Y.; W. H. Tyler, Prin. Young Ladies' Institute, Pittsfield: Noah Sheldon, Stockbridge; Stillman Pratt, Stoneham; R. Pomeroy, Otis; E. Jennings, Dalton; Heman Humphrey, D. D., Pittsfield; Thomas A. Hall, Prin. of the Academy at Lee; Bancroft Fowler, Lee.

3. BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chatham,	Elijah W. Tucker,	March 25, 1846	75	126	171	49		49	8	5		13	28	17	140
Eastham,	Edward W. Noble,	Stated supply.	10	40	50				2			2			60
Harwich,	Cyrus Stone,	Sept. 1, 1844	33	87	120	8	3	11	3	2	3	8	2	6	115
Orleans,	Jacob White,	Stated supply.	44	129	173	2		2	4			4	1	3	235
Provincetown,	Osborn Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846	8	29	37	4		4	4	3		7			60
Truro,	George Goodyear,	Feb. 17, 1846	37	39	76		2	2						3	140
" North,	Vacant,		8	22	30										70
Wellfleet,	Charles C. Beaman,	Dec. 2, 1846	77	132	209	1	2	3	1	5		6		2	205
" South,	Henry Van Houten,	Stated supply.	59	86	145				1	1	2	4		8	140
Yarmouth,	Nathaniel Cogswell,	April 22, 1822	33	65	98	1		1	5			5			130
Total, 10	9		354	755	1109	65	7	72	28	16	5	49	31	39	1295

4. BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Brimfield,	Vacant,		67	154	221										300
Brookfield, South,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801													
	Samuel Hutchings,	Sept. 15, 1847	34	64	98	1	5	6	1	11		12		6	
Charlton,	Nelson Clark,	Stated supply.	15	77	92		3	3	1	1	1	3			80
Dana, Storrsville,	John Keep,	April 24, 1845	11	29	40		3	3	2	2		4		4	73
Dudley,	Joshua Bates, D. D.	March 22, 1843	30	83	113	2	2	4		5		5		2	125
Hardwick,	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	31	76	107	8	2	10	1	1		2	4	2	100
Holland,	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	17	38	55	1		1	1			1			50
New Braintree,	John Fiske, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1796	36	100	136	1	6	7	7	1	2	10	1	1	
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	79	140	219	2	8	10	4	4		8	1	14	350
Oakham,	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	70	163	233	3	2	5	2	4	2	8		11	250
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	59	118	177	5	5	10	4	8	1	13	3	10	200
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	28	87	115	3	1	4	2	5	1	8	2	1	118
Sturbridge,	D. R. Austin,	May 12, 1839	116	237	353	27	7	34	2	2	1	5	10	2	300
Ware, West,	N. D. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	46	87	133		2	2	6	3	1	10		4	132
" Village,	Nahum Gale,	June 22, 1842	81	173	254	3	14	17	7	26	2	35		4	291
Warren,	Charles Smith,	Oct. 27, 1847	41	91	132		5	5	1	2		3		3	214
West Brookfield,	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 19, 1844	72	128	200	6	4	10	5	2	7	14	1	10	250
Total, 17	17		833	1845	2678	62	69	131	46	77	18	141	22	74	2753

5. ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amesbury, West,	Vacant,		48	141	189										130
" Mills,	J. H. Mordough,	Stated supply.	68	136	204	1		1	3	1	1	5		7	200
" and Salisbury,	Vacant,		16	48	64										80
Boxford, West,	C. E. Park,	Oct. 14, 1846													
Bradford, 1st par.	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	60	130	190	17	6	23	2	5		7	7	7	175
" 2d par.	G. B. Perry, D. D.	Sept. 14, 1814	67	93	160		1	1	5	2		7		3	140
Byfield,	Vacant,		48	101	149										20
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1779													
	J. M. Prince,	Feb. 3, 1847	64	114	178	7	6	13	1	3		4	2	6	273
Haverhill, Centre,	B. F. Hosford,	May 21, 1845	62	131	193	8	6	14	5			5		1	180
" North,	David Oliphant,	Stated supply	19	48	67		1	1						2	60
" East,	W. Cogswell, D. D.	Stated supply	9	19	28				1						
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	42	85	127	27		27	2	3		5	11	2	
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	45	122	167		1	1	3			3		6	150
" Linebrook,	Vacant,		26	34	60										50
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	80	140										180
" Belleville,	D. T. Fiske,	1848	50	100	150	5	3	8	3	3		6			130
" Lower Green,	Vacant,														
Newburyport, N. ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 18, 1819	70	280	350	2		2	3	1		4	1	6	200
" Temple-st. ch.	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837													
" Federal-st. ch.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835													
Rowley,	John Pike,	Nov. 18, 1840	22	85	107	17		17	1			1	8	6	100
Salisbury, Hill,	Benj. Sawyer,	Stated supply.	18	44	62										50
W. Newbury, E. par	Vacant,		15	43	58										90
" W. par.	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	53	102	155	1		1	3	10	1	14		2	125
Total, 24	19		862	1936	2798	85	24	109	32	28	2	61	29	48	2333

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. P. Cowles, Ipswich; J. B. Hadley, Salisbury.

6. ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Beverly, Dane-st.	Joseph Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	83	167	250				8			8			
" Washington-st.	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	30	91	121										
" North,	A. Gannet,	Dec. 16, 1847	6	24	30		2	2						1	60
Boxford, 1st ch.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	20	47	67		1	1							150
Danvers, 1st ch.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826													
" 2d ch.	T. P. Field,	Oct. 1840	76	190	266										200
" 3d ch.	R. Tolman,	Sept. 17, 1845	19	43	62		2	2						9	140
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	45	88	133	1	4	5							198
Gloucester, Harbor,	C. M. Nickels,	Sept. 29, 1835	24	97	121	1	4	5		1		1		5	160
" Annisquam,	David Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	14	28	42									2	60
" West par.	C. S. Williams,	Stated supply.	12	31	43										50
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	53	99	152										100
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	40	122	162				2			2		4	150
Lynn, 1st ch.	Parsons Cook,	May 4, 1836	38	139	177	1		1		3		3			
" Swampscott,	J. B. Clark,	Stated supply.	8	18	26	2	11	13					1	1	70
Lynnfield,	H. S. Greene,	Dec. 27, 1837	10	40	50	1		1	1			1		1	
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	40	220	260	2	4	6	11	4	4	19	1	5	285
Marblehead,	E. A. Lawrence,	April 23, 1845	80	259	339	1	2	3	3		1	4		3	360
Middleton,	Vacant,		43	72	115										
Rockport,	W. Gale,	May 4, 1836	134	221	355	2		2	6			6		10	120
Salem, Crombie-st.	A. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	51	166	217		15	15	4	7		11		1	160
" Howard-st.	Vacant,														
" South ch.	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	96	264	360		11	11	2	2		4		6	350
" Tabernacle ch	S. M. Worcester, D.D.	Dec. 3, 1834	92	357	449	2	20	22	9	3		12		5	450
Saugus,	Vacant,	Stated supply.	4	18	22									1	80
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	57	109	166	1		1					1	2	200
Wenham,	J. Taylor,	Oct. 27, 1847	51	78	129				6			6		5	203
Total, 27	23		1126	2988	4114	14	76	90	52	20	5	77	2	61	3546

7. FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840	78	147	225	1	3	4	6	3		9			125
Bernardston,	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	31	46	77		2	2	3	9		12		2	70
Buckland,	Asa B. Smith,	March 22, 1848	66	121	187		6	6	4		1	5		10	250
Charlemont, East,	Moses H. Wilder,	March 17, 1847	15	32	47	2	12	14	2	7		9		1	80
" West,	John D Smith,	June 21, 1848	25	75	100	20	14	34	3			3	9	1	75
Colrain,	Vacant,		14	36	50				1			1		1	45
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	108	187	295	2	8	10	7	11		18		5	305
Deerfield, North,	Henry Seymour,	March 1, 1843	30	44	74				2	5		7			112
" South,	George Lyman,	Stated supply.	24	48	72		1	1		9		9			75
Erving,	Andrew B. Foster,	Stated supply.	5	16	21					1		1			25
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839													
	Wm. Miller,	Stated supply.	10	32	42	1	3	4	1	1		2		1	85
Greenfield, 1st,	A Chandler, D. D.	Oct. 24, 1832	9	36	45	1	2	3	3	3		6	1	3	95
" 2d,	George C. Partridge,	May 18, 1848	51	95	146	4	8	12	2	3		5	2	4	102
Hawley, East,	Wm. A. Hawley,	Stated supply.	48	70	118				1	2	1	4		4	240
" West,	John Eastman,	Nov. 11, 1847	22	35	57					4	2	6		3	60
Heath,	Zolva Whitmore,	Stated supply	42	86	128		2	2	5	3		8		2	175
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	46	85	131	12	4	16		2		2	4	4	200
New Salem, Centre	Wm. H Hayward,	Stated supply.	5	12	17										45
" North,	Jonas Colburn,	Stated supply.	7	13	20										40
Northfield,	Willard Jones,	Stated supply.	20	50	70				1			1		1	60
Orange, (Irvingsville,)	Erastus Curtis,	Stated supply.	7	14	21										25
" North,	Samuel D. Darling,	Stated supply.	6	10	16	1	1	2					1	1	30
" South,	Charles Boyter,	Stated supply.	5	13	18	1	1	2	1			1			80
Rowe,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	Stated supply.	13	24	37	1		1							40
Shelburne,	T. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799													
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	50	101	151	8	2	10	1	2		3		3	225
Shutesbury,	Ezra Newton, Jr.	March 1, 1848	17	34	51										55
Sunderland,	Austin Carey,	Nov. 11, 1840	75	112	187	7	11	18	2	6		8	2	9	275
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec 23, 1835	13	43	56	5	2	7		4		4	3	4	65
Wendell,	N. S. Dickinson,	May 26, 1847	21	48	69		4	4	3			3		2	125
Total, 29	30		863	1665	2528	66	86	152	48	75	4	127	22	61	3124

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Riddell and Samuel Ware, South Deerfield; William Fyvie, Sunderland; Salmon Bennett, Heath; Eli Moody, Montague; Lot L. Sullivan, Wendell; Horatio Bigge, Colerain.

8. HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Longmeadow,	Vacant,		75	135	210										175
" East,	Martin Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	41	84	125	3	4	7	3	8		11	1	2	150
Ludlow,	J. W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	55	95	150	4	2	6	4	16	2	22	3	2	150
" Jenksville,	Wm Hall,	1848													
Monson,	A. Ely, D. D.	Dec. 6, 1806													
	C. B. Kittredge,	Oct. 21, 1845	141	243	384				1	7		8		1	
Palmer, 1st ch.	M. K. Cross,	Feb 2, 1842	29	64	93	2	3	5	3	82	1	86	1	2	75
" 2d ch.	Thomas Wilson,	March 1, 1848	20	48	68				3	2		5		1	75
Springfield, 1st ch.	Samuel Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	110	315	425	5	5	10	6	8		14			220
" Chicopee,	E. B Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	27	58	85		2	2	1	3		4		3	95
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May 15, 1839	68	137	205										200
" Chicopee Falls,	S. S. N Greely,	Stated supply.	47	112	159	2	3	5		3		3		3	125
" Cabotville,	S. G Clapp,	Sept. 25, 1837	48	122	170	2	14	16	3	10		13		2	200
" South ch.	S. G. Buckingham,	June 16, 1847	84	81	165	1	17	18	1	8	1	10		3	110
" North ch.	R. H Conklin,	Stated supply.	11	11	22										75
Wilbraham, North,	J. Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	74	119	193	8	2	10	3	2		5	1	6	175
" South,	H Beebe,	1848	25	49	74										85
Total, 16	16		855	1673	2528	27	52	79	28	149	4	181	6	25	1910

Without Pastoral Charge.—F. A. Barton and S. Day.

9. HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	Charles J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	39	95	134		2	2	1			1		2	125
Chester,	Vacant,		39	70	109										70
" Factories,	Perkins K. Clark,	Stated supply.	10	17	27	1	3	4					1		40
" Village,			11	21	32	1	5	6	2			2		2	65
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	41	92	133	1		1	1	5		6		4	100
" West,	Henry B. Smith,	July 22, 1847	25	51	76	5	1	6	1	5		6	3	3	105
Montgomery,	Vacant,		10	25	35	1		1							40
Southwick,	Henry Cooley,	Dec. 2, 1846	20	60	80	2	1	3	3	3		6			75
Tolland,	Alonzo Sanderson,	July 12, 1843	19	46	65		2	2	2	3		5			148
Westfield,	Emerson Davis, D. D.	June 1, 1836	126	277	403	11	17	28	11	9		20	2	6	258
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	89	165	254	9	9	18	6	14	1	21	3	4	280
" Agawam,	Ralph Perry,	Dec. 28, 1847	38	70	108	3	1	4	2		1	3	1	3	90
" Ireland,	Simeon Miller,	May 7, 1846	19	55	74	5	1	6	4	12		16	2		90
" Feeding Hills,	Dillon Williams,		31	57	88		3	3		4		4		4	50
Total, 14	11		517	1101	1618	39	45	84	33	55	2	90	12	28	1533

Without Pastoral Charge.—D. Williams, Feeding Hills.

10. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chesterfield,	Oliver Warner, Jr.	Stated supply.	19	53	72	1	-	1	4	2		6			90
Cummington, 1st,	James D. Chapman,	Jan. 12, 1844	32	63	95	3	1	4		1		1		2	140
" Village,	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	37	73	110	16	2	18	1	3		4	11	5	200
" Hubbardsville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	32	63	95		3	3	1	1		2		4	60
East Hampton,	Payson Williston, / William Bement,	Aug. 13, 1789 / Oct. 16, 1833	99	171	270	16	9	25	5	6		11	4	10	200
Goshen,	Vacant,		38	65	103										
Hatfield,	Vacant,		55	111	166										
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	43	66	109	1	10	11	3	2		5		3	
Northampton, 1st,	E. Y. Swift,	Nov. 19, 1845	190	380	570	15	8	23	9	7		16	6	20	70
" Edwards ch.	George E. Day,	Jan. 12, 1848	80	129	209		1	1							170
Norwich,	E. B. Wright,	Feb. 22, 1842	43	74	117	5	1	6	4			4	1	4	140
Plainfield,	H. J. Gaylord,	Oct. 6, 1847	51	111	162	4	3	7	9	4		13		2	175
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	176	211	387	10	5	15	9	5		14		14	225
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May, 11, 1842	54	91	145		2	2	4	1		5		3	148
Whately, 1st,	J. Howard Temple,	Sept. 30, 1845	52	73	125		4	4	6			6		4	100
" 2d,	J. S. Judd,	Oct. 12, 1843	46	59	105	2		2	2	2		4		2	
Williamsburg,	S. C. Wilcox,	Feb. 10, 1847	121	151	272	2	5	7	7	5		12	2	5	203
Worthington,	J. H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	69	123	192	3	4	7	3	3		6		5	
Total, 18	17		1237	2067	3304	78	58	135	67	42		119	24	69	1921

Without Pastoral Charge.—Caleb Knight, Hatfield; William A. Hawley, Plainfield; John Ferguson, Whately; Erastus Clapp and Solomon Lyman, East Hampton; M. G. Wheeler, Northampton; Royal Reed, Goshen.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1848			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, West,	A. M. Colton,	June, 10, 1840	96	213	309	2		2	3	15		18		12	160
" North,	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	54	87	141										200
" East,	Pomeroy Belden,	Sept. 14, 1842	49	121	170		1	1	2		1	3		10	200
" South,	Vacant,		38	84	122	11	1	12	3			3	3	3	
" College,	E. Hitchcock, D. D.														
Belchertown,	John Clancy,														
Enfield,	R. McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	87	184	271	3	4	7	2	2		4		2	250
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	91	194	285		4	4	5	5		10		6	280
Greenwich,	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	46	100	146	4	7	11	1	1		2	2	2	165
Hadley, 1st par.	Rowland Ayres,	Jan. 12, 1848	89	143	232		1	1		2		2			239
" 2d par.	W. H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	29	72	101	19	1	20	1	3		4	6	2	115
" 3d par.	J. Woodbridge, D. D.	Feb. 16, 1842	32	63	95										90
Leverett,	D. Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1843	33	58	91	1	1	2		6		6	1	2	90
Pelham,	A. C. Page,	Jan. 19, 1848	6	34	40				1			1			75
Prescott,	Vacant,		8	15	23				1			1			
Shutesbury,	Ezra Newton,		17	34	51										
South Hadley, 1st par.	Thomas Laurie,	June 7, 1848	70	154	224										175
" 2d par	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	47	75	122					11		11		3	100
Total, 18	16		792	1631	2423	40	20	60	19	45	1	65	12	42	2139

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. W. Curtis, Hadley; J. H. Patrick and J. Sanford, Amherst; W. Tyler, Northampton; E. Moody, Montague; R. Hawkes, South Hadley.

12. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adult	Infants	
Blackstone,	M. Burdett,	May 5, 1841	24	46	70	4	10	14	3	2		5	1	6	150
" Millville,	W. Holbrook,	Aug. 18, 1841	13	35	48		2	2	4			4		1	60
Douglass, 1st ch.	L. Rood,	Stated supply.	18	39	57				2	2		4			70
" East,	C. D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	45	92	137	1		1	1	3		4		1	200
Grafton,	T. C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	104	183	287	8	5	13	2	12		14	1	13	250
Hopkinton,	J. C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	58	127	185	2	7	9	2	1	1	4	1	5	300
Millbury, 1st ch.	N. Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	40	109	149	3	3	6	1	2		3	1	2	125
" 2d ch.	L. Griggs,	Sept. 22, 1847	61	101	162		3	3		1		1		3	200
" Grass Hill,	S. Holman,	July 1, 1840	21	48	69	1		1	1			1		1	100
Northbridge,	W. Bates,	Nov. 5, 1845	31	63	94					2		2		2	100
" Whitinsville,	L. F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	28	66	94	4	1	5	1	3		4	3	7	250
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	62	142	204	1	5	6	5	4	1	10	1	1	180
Upton,	B. Wood,	June 1, 1796	75	185	260	1	8	9	5	3	1	9		6	325
Uxbridge,	J. Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	43	137	180				2	4	3	9		2	236
Webster,	L. Cary,	Aug. 14, 1845	40	82	122	7	9	16	3	2		5	4	7	170
Westboro',	H. N. Beers,	Oct. 13, 1847	97	216	313	5	10	15	4	5		9	1	8	339
Total, 16	16		760	1671	2431	37	63	100	34	44	6	84	13	55	3055

Without Pastoral Charge.—D. Holman, Douglass; H A. Read, Webster; O. A. Taylor, pastor of the church in Slatersville, R. I.

13. MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Dover,	O. W. Cooley,	May 4, 1848	10	20	30	1		1	1			1			35
Foxboro',	W. Barnes,	Dec. 15, 1847	31	74	105					2		2		1	150
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839	51	103	154	1	3	4	3	2		5	1	4	200
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	March 1, 1843	45	121	166	6	4	10	2	9		11	4	9	330
Mansfield,	Mortimer Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	25	58	83	12		12	1			1	3	3	150
Medfield,	T. T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	25	58	83									1	65
Medway, 1st par.	Sewall Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	47	131	178			1	1			1		10	140
" West,	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	64	133	197	25	2	27	3	2		5	14	10	200
" Village,	David Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	42	109	151		2	2	2	3		5		2	200
Mendon,	Vacant,		7	41	48										60
Milford,	Preston Pond,	Stated supply.	21	62	83		2	2	1	2		3		2	175
Wrentham,	Elisha Fiske,	June 12, 1799													
" North,	Horace James,	Nov. 1, 1843	52	150	202	4		4	9	7	2	18	4	11	280
	Tyler Thacher,	Stated supply.	14	38	52		1	1	2			2		2	45
Total, 13	13		434	1098	1532	50	14	64	25	27	2	54	26	55	2000

Without Pastoral Charge.—D. Long, Milford; Charles Simmons, North Wrentham; A. H. Reed, Mendon; D. J. Poor, Hopkinton.

14. MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashland,	C. L Mills,	Feb. 11, 1847	39	83	122	30	4	34	1	1		2	9	1	106
Concord,	W. L Mather,	Oct. 30, 1844	16	87	103					3		3			90
Framingham,	Increase N. Tarbox,	Nov. 22, 1844	69	163	232	26	6	32	7	10	1	18	8	10	160
Lincoln,	W. C. Jackson,	April 26, 1848	30	72	102		3	3	1	2	2	5			100
Marlboro',	David L. Ogden,	April 26, 1848	39	104	143	3	1	4		7	1	8		8	208
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	45	106	151				2			2		2	175
Needham, West,	A. Bigelow,	July 7, 1847	30	70	100				1	30		31			100
" Grantville,	Harvey Newcomb,	Dec. 9, 1847	11	19	30									1	102
Saxonville,	B. G. Northrup,	March 10, 1847	22	60	82	5	6	11	1	1		2	2	2	150
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	60	101	161	1	1	2	1	11		12		2	150
Southboro',	Alanson Rawson,	Stated supply	58	95	153	2	9	11	5	6		11	3	4	360
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841	53	107	160	3	3	6		1		1		4	130
Wayland,	J. W. Allen,	Dec. 29, 1841	14	72	86				2			2		1	130
Total, 13	13		486	1139	1625	70	33	103	21	72	4	97	22	35	1961

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Leavitt, Cambridgeport.

15. MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	95	152	247	2	10	12	7	4		11	1	6	150
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	58	65	123					7		7			175
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	18	27	45				1			1		1	40
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	29	67	96		1		1			1		2	150
Fitchburg, Calvinistic,	E W. Bullard,	Aug 8, 1838	126	238	364	2	11	13	7	8	2	17		14	455
" Trinitarian,	George Trask,	1847													
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	105	140	245	5	10	15	2	4		6		5	150
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	106	152		2	2	2	2		4		3	125
Lancaster,	C Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	22	51	73	3	9	12	3			3	2	5	100
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	48	108	156		6	6		2		2		1	263
Littleton,	J. M. Bacon,	Oct. 8, 1846	21	29	50		5	5		2		2			60
Lunenburg,	A Boutelle,	Stated supply.	21	56	77				5	5		10		2	75
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	127	208	335	4	8	12	5	2	2	9		4	350
Shirley,	J. M. R. Eaton,	July 6, 1847	22	46	58		4	4	2	1		3		1	78
Townsend,	L. H. Sheldon,	Aug. 1, 1844	118	211	329		6	6	2	1		3		4	300
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	53	103	156		1	1	2	5		7		2	200
Total, 16	16		909	1607	2516	16	73	89	39	43	4	86	3	50	2671

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. W. Harrington, Lunenburg.

16. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Rec.	Tctal.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Abington, 1st,	James W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	44	68	112				1	1		2		1	175
" 2d,	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842	53	103	156				4	2		6		8	200
" 3d,	Horace D. Walker,	Feb. 15, 1844	40	77	117										310
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840	41	59	100	1		1	2			2		1	200
Braintree, 1st,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	49	135	184	1		1	7		1	8		3	150
" South,	F. V. Tenney,	Aug. 7, 1845	30	45	75	3	7	10		2		2	2	3	130
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	73	116	189										150
Bridgewater,	David Brigham,	April. 3, 1845	28	51	79										80
" East and West,	Baalis Sanford,	Oct. 4, 1827	37	63	100				4			4		2	200
Canton,	Wm. B. Hammond,	June 5, 1844	8	27	35					3		3		4	50
Cohasset,	——— Reed,	1847	16	83	99										100
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	40	82	122	1	2	3	2	1		3	1	1	100
Dorchester, 2d ch.	J H. Means,	July 12, 1848	81	221	302										
" Village,	David Dyer,	April 9, 1845	41	155	196	4	10	14	3	3		6		6	130
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	40	94	134				1	2		3		2	120
Hanover,	Abel G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	52	68				1	1		2		1	80
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	10	48	58				1			1			
Milton,	Vacant,		56	102	158										120
" Railway,	S. W. Cozzens,	Stated supply.	9	23	32	1	6	7		3		3		5	50
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	98	138	236										180
" South ch.	Daniel Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	24	33	57		2	2						2	150
Quincy,	Wm. Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	20	63	83		3	3						6	120
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1841	42	82	124				1			1		2	130
" East,	Wm. A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	53	88	141		1	1		2		2		6	200
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1842	25	50	75		2	2	2	1	1	4		5	125
Sharon,	L. R. Phillips,	July, 29, 1841	27	76	103	1		1	2			2		2	110
Stoughton,	Wm. M Cornell,	Stated supply	25	35	60	1		1	1			1	1	4	60
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan 25, 1838	66	144	210		1	1	4	2		6			200
" South,	Vacant,		19	62	81										100
" Union ch.	W. M Harding,	Nov. 12, 1847	11	18	29										180
Total, 30	28		1132	2393	3525	13	34	47	36	23	2	61	4	64	3900

17. OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Dartmouth, South,	Wm. A. Mandell,	Nov. 11, 1846	30	83	113		3	3	2			2		1	
Edgartown,	S B. Goodenow,	June, 30, 1847	36	73	109		4	4	2		1	3		2	115
Fairhaven, 1st ch.	Jacob Roberts,	June 15, 1839	52	104	156	10		10	3	2		5		3	200
" Central ch.	Wm. Gould,	March 1, 1843													
	D. W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	39	85	124	6		6	2	3	1	6	2	6	80
Middleboro', 1st ch.	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	50	150	200				4	40		44		4	100
" 4 Corners.	John Storrs,	Stated supply	14	24	38		5	5							
New Bedford, 1st ch.	D. C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	15	42	57		2	2		1		1			80
" North,	A. Eldridge,	1847	81	180	261		2	2	5	7		12			250
" South,	G. L. Prentiss,	April 9, 1845	37	74	111	7	1	8	3	2		5	3	6	120
" Pacific.	S. Holmes,	Dec. 4, 1844	32	57	89	2	13	15			1	1	2	13	100
Rochester. Centre,	J. Bigelow,	May, 10, 1827	14	78	92				1		1	2			80
" Mattapoisett.	I. C. Thatcher,	Dec. 25, 1844	59	106	165	22		22	3			3			150
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	1836	10	29	39										
" South,	O Cobb,	Feb. 5, 1799													
	L. Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1842	19	42	61	1	2	3	1	1		2	1	3	90
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	34	96	130				5			5		2	
Total, 15	17		522	1223	1745	48	32	80	31	56	4	91	8	50	1365

18. PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch and Bible Class.
			Males	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Carver,	Vacant,		40	61	101				3			3		1	65
Kingston,	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	26	57	83	1	2	3	4	2	2	8		1	50
Marshfield, North,	D. D. Tappan,	Jan. 23, 1839	15	24	39	1		1						6	61
" South,	Luther Farnham,	Stated supply.	19	38	57				3			3			100
Plymouth, Manomet,	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	53	72	125	1		1	4		1	5		5	78
" Pilgrimage,	Charles S. Porter,	May 25, 1845	32	102	134	1	5	6	4	1		5		1	154
" Chiltonville,	Benjamin Whitmore,	Dec 21, 1817	61	116	177									1	100
" Robinson,	Aaron Foster,	Stated supply	30	60	90				2	1		3		7	60
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Feb. 18, 1809	37	108	145	1		1	2	1	3	6	1	2	98
Total, 9	8		313	638	951	5	7	12	22	5	6	33	1	24	806

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. Paine, Halifax; J. King, Abington; F. P. Howland, Hanson.

19. SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Old South ch.	G. W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	87	426	513	3	15	18	5	5		10	3	3	120
" Bowdoin-st.	J. B. Waterbury, D.D.	Sept. 1846	180	321	501		13	13	11	31	1	43			250
" Central ch.	W. M. Rogers,	Aug. 6, 1835													
	George Richards,	Oct. 8, 1845	151	314	465	23	27	50		14	2	16	8	19	540
" Ch. of the Pilgrims.	M. H. Smith,	Oct. 18, 1846	90	181	271	20	33	53	3			3			
" Maverick ch.	R. S. Hitchcock,	Nov. 18, 1846	52	94	146	19	40	59	3	5	3	11	10	12	350
Cambridge, 1st ch.	J. A. Albro,	April 15, 1835	54	144	198										170
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	67	148	215		6	6	1	8		9		19	150
East Cambridge,	F. T. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1843	16	36	52		4	4		2		2		3	80
Charlestown, 1st ch.	W. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	56	199	255	2		2	1	6		7	1	2	
" Winthrop ch	Vacant,		72	169	241		5	5	2	40		42		4	341
" Bethesda ch	J. Guernsey,	June 10, 1847	21	35	56	3	21	24	2	3		5	1	5	200
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	I. P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	83	156	239	9	26	35	2	16	1	19	5	14	518
Medford, 2d cong. ch.	A. R. Baker,	April 25, 1838	55	113	168	2	3	5	1	66		67		21	175
" Mystic ch.	Abner B. Warner,	Oct. 27, 1847	22	42	64									6	100
Malden, 1st ch.	Vacant,		23	72	95	1	4	5	2	2		4		1	75
Newton, 1st ch.	D. L. Furber,	Dec. 1, 1847	36	70	106		3	3		3	1	4		1	100
" 2d ch.	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	40	98	138		4	4	1			1		1	100
" Eliot ch.	W. S. Leavitt,	Dec. 3, 1845	25	50	75	3	17	20	1	3		4		4	100
Waltham, Tr cong.ch.	J. Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1837	30	120	150		3	3	3			3		6	130
Woburn, South,	Vacant,		64	99	163		3	3	2	4		6		1	200
Total, 20	18		1224	2887	4111	85	227	312	40	208	8	256	28	122	3699

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. Anderson, D. D., S. Bliss, G. C. Beckwith, D. Clark, J Curtis, A. Bullard, Wm. Jenks, D. D., A. W. McClure, H. Winslow, W. Bushnell.

20. SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Boston, Park-st. ch.	Silas Aiken,	March 22, 1837	142	413	555	3	7	10	5	38	1	44			
" Essex-st.	Nehemiah Adams,	March 26, 1834	128	444	572	6	8	14	6	11		17		10	157
" Salem-st.	E. Beecher, D. D.	March 13, 1844	158	324	482	6	11	17	3	19	1	23			293
" Pine-st.	Vacant,		97	174	271	3	14	17	4	22	2	28			
" Mt. Vernon,	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	170	344	514	22	62	84	5	27	1	33	5	19	433
" Mariners,	G. W Bourne,	Stated supply.	21	43	64	1		1	3	8		11	1		125
" Suffolk-st.	George A. Oviatt,	Nov. 20, 1845	32	69	101	14	8	22	1			1	2	5	225
" Phillips,	J. W. Alvord,	Nov. 4, 1842	63	129	192	6	22	28	4	15		19	3	9	180
Brighton,	Arther Swazey,	Oct. 6, 1847	46	93	139					6	2	8			120
Brookline,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Dec. 31, 1846	22	29	51		16	16		2		2		1	75
Dedham, 1st ch.	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	58	184	242				2	3		5		5	195
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	A. C. Thompson,	July 22, 1842	81	146	227	7	14	21	1	9	1	11	1	15	
" West,	Christopher Marsh,	May 17, 1837	17	52	69	3	2	5	1	2		3	2	2	90
Walpole,	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	34	109	143									1	150
Total, 14	14		1069	2553	3622	71	164	235	35	162	8	205	12	67	2043

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. S. Clark, L. Dwight, D. Greene, S. H. Riddell, S. B. Treat, and J. E. Woodbridge, Boston; J. Abbott, New York; S. Lamson, Nashua, N. H.; E. P. Sperry.

21. TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Mates.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Attleboro',	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836	59	156	215	3	2	5	5	2		7	1	9	300
" West,	J. B. M Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	49	81	130	4		4					2		150
Berkley,	Vacant,		48	83	131										100
Bridgewater,	Stetson Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	7	32	39										50
Dighton,	W. Lewis,	Stated supply.	21	38	59										46
Fall River, 1st ch.	Orin Fowler,	July 7, 1831	61	152	213	8	3	11	3	12	13	28	2	5	360
" Central,	Samuel Washburn,	April 24, 1844	39	88	127	7	6	13	1			1	1	5	260
Freetown,	S. Woodbury,	Stated supply	13	33	46										50
Halifax,	E Sanford,	Sept. 12, 1847	15	30	45	2		2	2			2	1		78
Middleboro', North,	Philip Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	44	101	145		1	1	1			1			100
" West,	Jesse K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	48	84	132								1		115
Norton,	William Barrows,	Sept. 4, 1845	47	72	119				3	3		6		1	120
Pawtucket,	Constantine Blodgett,	July, 27, 1836	52	171	223	5	10	15	5	1		6	4	4	280
Rehoboth, Village,	C. P. Grosvenor,	Oct. 1, 1847	24	56	80				1	3		4		6	100
Seekonk,	James O. Barney,	Feb 4, 1824	34	84	118		1	1	2	2		4		3	147
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	23	65	88	1		1	4			4	1	8	150
" Trin. ch.	Erastus Maltby,	Jan. 18, 1826	73	224	297	1	8	9	3	6		9		6	260
" Spring-st. ch.	S. H. Emery,	Nov. 23, 1837	40	76	116	13	7	20	1	2		3	6	8	125
Total, 18	17		697	1626	2323	44	38	82	31	31	13	75	18	55	2791

Without Pastoral Charge.—George L. Hovey, Boston; E. W. Robinson, Berkley; George Denham, Fairhaven.

22. VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Barnstable, West,	Alonzo Hayes,	May, 1843	23	48	71	4		4	4	3		7	2	2	80
" Centreville,	E. Bacon,	Stated supply.	36	59	95	2		2		3		3	1	1	70
Chilmark,	Vacant,		4	27	31										40
Dennis, South,	J. H Pettingell,	Dec. 5, 1843	39	91	130	8	1	9	3	2		5	6	3	250
Falmouth, 1st ch.	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	67	134	201	5		5	7			7		16	275
" East,	S. S. Hyde,	Dec. 8, 1847	21	29	50		2	2	2			2			100
" North,	A. Cobb,	Stated supply.	30	47	77				2	1		3		2	53
Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1810	6	20	26	4	3	7	1			1			50
Nantucket,	Vacant,		93	374	467										400
Sandwich,	E. Wells,	July 1847	32	81	113				4	3		7		1	75
" Monument,	J Garland,	June 1848	13	34	47									1	50
Tisbury, Holmes Hole	S. S Tappan,	Oct. 1, 1845	5	19	24		1	1						2	30
" West,	E. Chase,	Stated supply.	19	37	50					3		3			30
Total, 13	11		388	1000	1388	23	7	30	23	15		38	9	28	1503

Without Pastoral Charge.—Giles Pease, Sandwich.

23. WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	Orin Sikes,	June 3, 1846	50	111	161	1		1			4	4		4	120
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	9	36	45									5	40
Burlington,	N. Richardson,	Stated supply.	21	39	60									1	40
Carlisle,	S. W. Banister,	May 27, 1848	13	37	50	2	2	4		1		1	1	2	
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 25, 1833													
" North,	E. W. Allen,	May 17, 1843	20	53	73										
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804													
	Alfred Emerson,	Oct. 15, 1845													
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1841	30	77	107				5		1	6		1	150
West Cambridge,	Francis Horton,	May 17, 1843	21	46	67	6	6	12		2		2	2	7	80
Wilmington,	B. M. Fay,	April, 1845	26	66	92		2	2	1			1			
Woburn,	Vacant,														
Total, 11	11		190	465	655	9	10	19	6	3	5	14	3	20	436

24. WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Bible Class.
Auburn,	M. G. Pratt,	Oct. 22, 1828	74	121	195		2	2	5	2	1	8		3	150
Barre,	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	62	119	181	1	1	2	3	6		9		2	140
Berlin,	Henry Adams,	Oct. 25, 1843	37	69	106	14		14	2	3		5	1	6	140
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	52	85	137		1	1	3	2		5		8	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	126	243	369	6	3	9	5	11	2	18	2	2	350
Lancaster, (Clinton-ville,)	Wm. H. Corning,	Dec. 8, 1847	35	61	96	2	1	3			1	1			117
Leicester,	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	69	121	190	6	6	12	3	5		8			250
Northboro',	Wm. A. Houghton,	July 5, 1843	15	79	94		5	5		3		3		3	100
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	77	177	254	4	7	11	10	7	1	18	2	3	250
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps, Jr.	Nov. 11, 1840	44	102	146	5		5	1	5		6	1	9	185
Princeton,	A. Goldsmith,	July 16, 1845	59	123	182	3	4	7	6	2	1	9	2	1	100
Rutland,	Daniel R. Cady,	Oct. 27, 1845	98	195	293	13	4	17	5	3	1	9	6	1	180
Shrewsbury,	James Averill,	June 22, 1841	100	161	261	3	3	6	6	15		21	2	3	300
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	69	177	246		7	7	5	8	1	14		3	300
Worcester, 1st par.	George P. Smith,	March 19, 1845	111	226	337	7	32	39	6	11	10	27	5	4	380
" Calvinist,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	109	233	342	5	19	24	5	13	1	19	2	2	300
" Union,	Elam Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	191	267	458	3	37	40	9	5		14	2	7	434
Total, 17	17		1328	2559	3887	72	132	204	74	101	19	194	25	57	3826

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, and Rodney A. Miller, Worcester; Jonathan Longley, Northbridge.

25. WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashburnham,	Elnathan Davis,	Sept. 15, 1846	67	154	221										200
" North,	A. A. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	28	40	68				1	2		3			50
Athol,	R. M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	66	114	180	3		3	5	8		13	2	7	200
Gardner, 1st,	John C. Paine,														
" 2d,	W. B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	57	88	145		2	2	4		1	5		3	150
Hubbardston,	D. B. Bradford,	June 17, 1846	62	125	187	1	2	3	3	5	1	9	1	4	120
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	26	52	78	1	4	5	2	1		3		1	140
Phillipston,	A. E. P. Perkins,	Sept. 14, 1844	64	129	193	1	2	3	4	5	1	10		4	275
Royalston, 1st ch.	N. Hazen,	March 24, 1847	47	103	150	4	4	8	2	3		5	2	2	250
" South,	J. H. M. Leland,	Oct. 13, 1847	33	47	80		1	1	1	2		3			56
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	41	71	112	1	8	9		1		1	1	1	150
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	101	200	301		10	10		11	2	13		5	250
Winchendon, 1st ch.	M. Bullard, jr.	Nov. 19, 1846	39	80	119		1	1	1	4		5			75
" North,	A. P. Marvin,	Jan. 10, 1844	35	59	94		3	3		1		1		6	
Total, 14	14		666	1262	1928	11	37	48	23	43	5	71	6	33	1916

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. Perkins, Royalston; A. Lovell, Westboro'; S. H. Peckham, Lunenburg.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chhs.	Pastors.	Stated supplies.	Vacant chhs.	Ministers without charge.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1848.			Admissions in 1847			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover,	16	15	1	1	2	849	2,650	3.499	43	145	188	44	140		184	13	45	2,726
Berkshire,	34	28	3	3	11	1,588	3,186	4,774	272	145	417	87	133	3	223	118	131	3,882
Brewster,	10	6	3	1		354	755	1,109	65	7	72	28	16	5	49	31	39	1,295
Brookfield,	17	15	2	1		833	1,845	2,678	62	69	131	46	77	18	141	22	74	2,753
Essex North,	24	15	4	5	2	862	1,936	2,798	85	24	109	32	28	2	62	29	48	2,333
Essex South,	27	22	3	2		1,126	2,988	4,114	14	76	90	52	20	5	77	2	61	3,546
Franklin,	29	18	11	1	7	863	1,665	2.528	66	86	152	48	75	4	127	22	61	3,124
Hampden East,	16	14	2	1	2	855	1,673	2.528	27	52	79	28	149	4	181	6	25	1,910
Hampden West,	14	10	1	2	1	517	1,101	1,618	39	45	84	33	55	2	90	12	28	1,533
Hampshire,	18	16	1	2	7	1,237	2,067	3,304	78	58	136	67	42		109	24	69	1,921
Hampshire East,	18	13		2	6	792	1,631	2,423	40	20	60	19	45	1	65	12	42	2,139
Harmony,	16	15	1		3	760	1,671	2,431	37	63	100	34	44	6	84	13	55	3,055
Mendon,	13	11	2	1	4	434	1,098	1,532	50	14	64	25	27	2	54	26	55	2,000
Middlesex South,	13	12	1		1	486	1,139	1.625	70	33	103	21	72	4	97	22	35	1,961
Middlesex Union,	16	15	1		1	909	1,607	2.516	16	73	89	39	43	4	86	3	50	2,671
Norfolk,	30	26	2	2		1,132	2,393	3.525	13	34	47	36	23	2	61	4	64	3,900
Old Colony,	15	16	1			522	1,223	1,745	48	32	80	31	56	4	91	8	50	1,365
Pilgrim,	9	6	2	1	3	313	638	951	5	7	12	22	5	6	33	1	24	806
Suffolk North,	20	18		3	10	1,224	2,887	4.111	85	227	312	40	208	8	256	28	122	3,699
Suffolk South,	14	12	1	1	9	1,069	2,553	3.622	71	164	235	35	162	8	205	12	67	2,043
Taunton,	18	15	2	1	3	697	1,626	2,323	44	38	82	31	31	13	75	18	55	2.791
Vineyard Sound,	13	8	3	2	1	388	1,000	1,388	23	7	30	23	15		38	9	28	1,503
Woburn,	11	10	1	1		191	465	656	9	10	19	6	3	5	14	3	20	436
Worcester Central,	17	17			3	1,328	2,559	3.887	72	132	204	74	101	19	194	25	57	3,826
Worcester North,	14	12	1		3	666	1,262	1,928	11	38	49	27	45	5	77	6	33	1.916
Total, 25	442	361	50	33	79	19,995	43,618	63,613	1,345	1,599	2,944	928	1.615	130	2,673	479	1,338	59,134

REMARKS ON THE PRECEDING TABLES.

The Publishing Committee are happy to report a nearer approximation to *completeness* in the statistical returns, and a more exact compliance with the prescribed method of arranging them, than on any previous year. When the documents came into their hands, it was found that only 75, out of the 442 churches in all, had failed to furnish their statistics to the General Association. About 40 of these gave a ready answer to the printed circular which was sent to them all. Of the remainder, the Committee have been able to supply, from other sources, a considerable amount of the deficient data; so that the names and ministers of only 17 churches stand in the foregoing tables as the *representatives of empty space.* Those who are capable of perceiving any beauty in a page of accurate and complete statistics, or of attaching any value to it as a store-house of argument and information, will be pained to see even these.

As one of the practical embarrassments occasioned by these blanks, no one can ascertain from the tables, after all the labor that has been expended upon them, what is the exact state of Christ's visible Church in Massachusetts, as pertaining to the Orthodox Congregational branch of it. He can only make an *estimate*, thus:—If the churches not reported are equal in the number of members to the average of those whose reports are given, and have received an equal share of divine favor during the past year, the whole number of church-members of our denomination, in the State, Jan. 1, 1848, was 66,140; of which 1,458 were admitted by profession, and 1,718 by recommendation—in all 3,176 admitted during the year 1847. There were also removed, during the same time, by death, dismission, and excommunication, 2,900. According to the same rule of estimating, 519 adults, and 1,421 infants have received baptism; and 62,397 is the number of scholars and teachers connected with the Sabbath schools and Bible classes.

Since the last Minutes were published, there has been an increase of 5 churches, 9 pastors, 7 stated supplies, and 655 church-members; and a *decrease* of 17 vacant churches, and 5 ministers without pastoral charge.

It will be perceived that the "Form of a Schedule" for the next annual report (see the end of the Minutes) is furnished with a column for *absent* members, agreeably to vote of the General Association,—designed to show how many of the *total* number in each church are non-residents.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transasting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary and the minister of the church, where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary or by a temporary Scribe, and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put. The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a Committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us, are that this Association, and each

body connected with it, shall annually appoint Delegates to the other, which shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting, and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society, is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians, to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The several Associations shall have the offer of receiving, in rotation, the annual meeting of the General Association, and each one, in turn, shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, which shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association.

A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the sev ral Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon, And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be Primaries or Substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.

6. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

7. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

8. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

9. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

APPENDIX.

The order in which the several Associations shall have the offer of receiving the Annual Meeting of the General Association, commencing with the Suffolk North in 1848.

Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Mendon,
Andover,
Brewster,
Taunton,
Hampshire,
Essex South,
Hampshire East,
Norfolk,
Berkshire,
Middlesex South,
Brookfield,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Hampden East,
Essex North,
Hampden West,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Woburn,
Worcester North,
Middlesex Union,
Worcester Central.

The order in which the several Associations shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, commencing with the Worcester Central, in 1848.

Worcester Central,
Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Essex South,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Mendon,
Hampden East,
Brookfield,
Hampden West,
Middlesex South,
Norfolk,
Hampshire,
Hampshire East,
Worcester North,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Taunton,
Middlesex Union,
Woburn,
Essex North,
Brewster,
Andover,
Berkshire.

[See Minutes, p. 6.]

Letter from the Third Presbytery of New York.

NEW YORK, April 6, 1848.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—In view of the fact that several licentiates, under the care of the Third Presbytery of New York, have, without proper testimonies, been received and ordained by ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in correspondence, I have been directed to correspond with the General Association of Massachusetts, and remind them of the Rule mutually adopted by the Association and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in the years 1828 and 1829. The Rule is as follows:

"It shall be deemed irregular and unfriendly for any Presbytery or Association within the bounds of the corresponding churches, to receive any candidate for licensure, licentiate, or ordained minister, into connection with either, without regular testimonials, and a regular dismission from the Presbytery or Association from which the said candidate, licentiate, or minister, may come."

Be so good, dear Sir, as to call the attention of the next General Association to this mutual regulation, and oblige the Presbytery.

Yours very truly,

EDWIN F. HATFIELD,
Stated Clerk of 3d Pres., N. Y.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *arranging the churches in alphabetical order, adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.*

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.

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The General Association of Massachusetts convened at the Eliot Congregational Meeting-house, in Roxbury, June 26, 1849, at 5 o'clock, P. M. The delegates were called to order by Rev. A. C. Thompson, pastor of the Church, and Rev. Erastus Maltby was chosen Scribe, *pro tem.*

Delegates.

The following persons were enrolled as members, by virtue of certificates from their respective Associations, viz :—

Andover Association,	Rev. S. W. Hanks, Rev. J. L. Taylor.
Berkshire Association,	Rev. A. L. Crandall, Rev. Joseph Knight.
Brewster Association,	Rev. George Goodyear, Rev. E. W. Tucker.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Eber Carpenter, Rev. Nahum Gale.
Essex North Association,	Rev. John Pike, Rev. J. M. Prince.
Essex South Association,	Rev. H. S. Greene, Rev. A. McLoud.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Henry Seymour.
Hampden East Association,	Rev. J. W. Tuck, Rev. Thomas Wilson.

Hampden West Association,	Rev. T. M. Cooley, D. D., Rev. H. B. Smith.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. Theodore J. Clark, Rev. Morris E. White.
Hampshire East Association,	Rev. E. P. Blodgett.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Lewis F. Clark, Rev. Chauncey D. Rice.
Mendon Association,	Rev. Sewall Harding.
Middlesex South Association,	None.
Middlesex Union Asso.	Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Rev. Leonard Luce.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Calvin Hitchcock, D. D., Rev. Jonas Perkins.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. George L. Prentiss, Rev. J. C. Thacher.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, Rev. Joseph Peckham.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. A. W. McClure, Rev. George Richards.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Rev. Joseph Haven, Jr.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Erastus Maltby, Rev. Jesse K. Bragg.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	Rev. S. S. Hyde, Rev. E. Wells.
Woburn Association,	Rev. Oren Sykes, Rev. E. W. Allen.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. William Phipps, Rev. James Averill.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. L. Sabin.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. S. M. Worcester, D. D., Rev. J. S. Clark.

Ex-Officio.

Rev. T. Snell, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. A. C. Thompson, Pastor of the Eliot Church, Roxbury.

Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

General Assembly (annual) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. David McKinney, D. D.

General Assembly (triennial) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. Gideon N. Judd, D. D., and Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. D. O. Morton.

General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Lathrop Taylor, and Rev. Austin Hazen.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. Vernon.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. W. B. Weed, and Rev. Jairus Burt.

General Association of New York, Rev. R. J. Cone.

General Association of Michigan, Rev. J. W. Ruggles.

General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. H. H. Benson.

General Congregational Association of Iowa, Rev. John C. Holbrook.

Honorary Members.

Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Christopher Marsh.

Delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Dudley Phelps.

Delegate to the General Congregational Association of Iowa, Rev. Daniel Huntington.

Organization.

Rev. Timothy M. Cooley, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Rev. Erastus Maltby, Scribe; and Rev. J. L. Taylor, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Committees.

The following Committees were appointed:—

On Elections,—Rev. Messrs. Sewall Harding, A. C. Thompson, and Eber Carpenter.

Of Arrangements,—Rev. Messrs. A. C. Thompson, Dr. Snell, and Nahum Gale.

Of Nomination,—Rev. J. S. Clark, Calvin Hitchcock, D. D., and M. E. White.

On Accounts,—Rev. Messrs. Lewis Sabin and Joseph Knight.

Of Publication,—Rev. Messrs. A. W. McClure, A. C. Thompson, and Erastus Maltby.

To prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion,—Messrs. S. H. Riddel, T. J. Clark, J. Burt, Joseph Knight, and S. S. Hyde.

Voted, That the several sessions of each day be commenced at 8 o'clock, A. M., 2 o'clock, P. M., and 7¾, in the evening.

Adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. David M'Kinney, D. D., preached in the evening, at 7¾, from Heb. vi : 4, 5. 6.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met agreeable to adjournment. Moderator led in prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding day were read.

Rev. Messrs. J. Perkins, E. M. Allen, and Lewis Sabin, were appointed a Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Oregon Association.

A communication from the Oregon Association of Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, requesting a Christian and friendly correspondence with this Association, was read; and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. S. Clark and E. Maltby, was appointed to prepare a suitable reply.

Communication from Berkshire Association.

A communication from the Berkshire Association, relating to a different mode of delegation from the District Associations to the General Association, was read : and the subject referred to a Committee composed of Rev. Messrs. D. Phelps, Eber Carpenter, and J. Perkins.

Memorial from Worcester North Association.

A memorial was presented from the Worcester North Association, respecting the correspondence of this Association with such Ecclesiastical Bodies as are connected with the system of slavery : which was referred to Rev. Messrs. J. L. Taylor, J. Haven, and L. F. Clark.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Messrs, D. Phelps, D. Huntington, and C. Marsh, delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported their visits agreeably to their appointment.

Committee on Berkshire Memorial.

The Committee on the Berkshire memorial reported: and the subject was referred to Rev. Messrs. D. Phelps, E. Carpenter, J. Perkins, John Todd, and T. Snell,—to report to the next meeting of the General Association in 1850.

Report relative to Slavery.

The Committee on the memorial of the Worcester North Association reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in maintaining correspondence and connection with the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, we look with deep and fraternal solicitude upon the position of those bodies with respect to the sin of slavery;—that our strong sympathies are with such brethren, in those Assemblies, as are laboring, in an earnest and Christian spirit, to put an end to this evil;—and that we desire our delegates to those Assemblies, in a decided but courteous manner, to express our deep conviction, that the rights of the enslaved, the cause of true religion, and the honor of the great Head of the Church, require those Ecclesiastical Bodies to use all their legitimate power and influence, for the speedy removal of slavery from the churches under their supervision.

Report on Common Schools.

The Committee appointed by the last General Association, "to investigate the whole subject of the connection between common-school education and religion," and report to this body, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:—

The Committee appointed by the General Association, to investigate the relations of common-school education to religion, respectfully report,—

That they have met and carefully considered the subject referred to them, and have come to the following result:—

That there are conceivable elements of perfection which cannot in practice be combined in the same system of common-school education, in consequence of the present state of religious division in this nation;—and that consequently the course of true wisdom is to strike a balance between them, and to approximate as near to them as possible.

In order that a system of common-school education may be theoretically perfect, in addition to well-directed mental culture, there ought to be such instruction in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity as shall tend to regenerate the soul, and fit it for heaven. A wise and regenerated Christian teacher can create by these doctrines a religious atmosphere in which the scholars shall constantly live. He can cause a sun to rise, the light of which shall disclose the true moral aspects and relations of all things. This he can do by prayers, by hymns and music, and by the proper use of analogies in science, as well as by direct admonition and instruction. No system of education is perfect, in which this is not done.

At the same time, it is essential to the perfection of such a system, that it be adapted to educate the whole community, so as not to leave large masses of mind to grow up in ignorance and vice. This element of a perfect system cannot be secured without the intervention of government, for many are too poor to educate their children if the state does not provide free schools; and sectarian divisions, especially in rural districts, would render parochial schools exceedingly feeble, and would so reduce the salary of teachers that few or none competent for the work would be willing to devote themselves to the employment.

But if the schools are sustained by government, in the present state of religious divisions, it is impossible to give such full instruction in all the fundamental doctrines of Christianity as has been supposed, without incurring the charge and the odium of sectarianism.

Nor can it be otherwise, until the existing divisions on the subject of religion shall cease.

In this state of things, the course adopted by the government of this State, is to introduce into the schools the reading of the Bible, and such instruction in morals and the practical duties and virtues of Christianity, as can be communicated without incurring the charge of sectarianism; leaving to the family, the pulpit, and the Sabbath school, that more full doctrinal instruction which parents may desire.

The benefits of this system, in offering instruction to all, are so many and so great, that its religious deficiencies, especially since they can be otherwise supplied, do not seem to be a sufficient reason for abandoning it, and adopting in place of it a system of denominational and parochial schools.

If, however, we were to recommend any system to take its place, it would be that of private schools formed by the union of evangelical Christians of different denominations, in which all the fundamental doctrines of Christianity could be taught.

It is, however, a great evil to withdraw from the established system of common schools the interest and influence of the religious part of the community.

On the whole, it seems to be the wisest course, at least for the present, to do all in our power to perfect the existing system of common schools, by a deep and watchful interest in it, and by endeavoring to elevate and perfect, so far as it can be done, not only its intellectual, but also its moral and religious, character.

If, after a full and faithful experiment, it should at last be seen that fidelity to the religious interests of our children forbids a further patronage of the system, we can unite with other evangelical Christians in the establishment of private schools, in which more full doctrinal religious instruction shall be possible.

But until we are forced to this result, it seems to us desirable that the religious community do all in their power to give an opportunity for a full and fair experiment of the existing system, including not only the common schools, but also the normal schools, and the Board of Education.

In conclusion, we beg leave to report the following resolutions, as expressive of the views of the Association.

1. *Resolved*, That we regard the universal education of the community as essential to the permanent success of our great experiment of self-government, and the maintenance of a pure and spiritual Christianity; and that we highly appreciate the enlarged and benevolent views of our Puritan ancestors, in establishing our present system of free schools with reference to these ends.

2. That, notwithstanding its inevitable religious deficiency, we have as yet seen no sufficient reasons why the present system should be abandoned for any other that has been proposed.

3. That we recommend to ministers and churches to take a deep interest in this system, and to do all that can properly be

done to infuse into it that truly religious spirit which is essential to its permanent success.

4. That in the Massachusetts Board of Education, as constituted by the Legislature, we recognize the elements of a power that may impart great efficiency to the system, in working out the results which its founders contemplated.

5. That this, like all other power committed to human hands, is liable to abuse; and that the Board therefore, like every other similar organization, should attract the constant and friendly vigilance of all whose interests are thus entrusted.

Rev. Dr. Baird, Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, made a statement of the doings and wants of that Society.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. Met according to adjournment; engaged in devotional services; and listened to narratives of the state of Religion in Massachusetts, and in other parts of the country represented by foreign delegates.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Bullard, to meet at 7¾ o'clock, this evening.

Wednesday evening, 7¾ o'clock. Met according to adjournment, and heard the Annual Sermon on Home Missions, which was preached by Rev. S. Sweetser of Worcester, assisted in the devotional exercises by Rev. J. Burt, of Connecticut. Text, —"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures." Acts xvii: 2. A collection of $35 04 was taken up at the close.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday morning, 8 o'clock. Met according to adjournment. Moderator led in prayer.

Spent an hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called.

Place of next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Association, to be held in 1850, was appointed at Sandwich.

The Committee appointed on the communication from Oregon made report, which was accepted; and Rev. J. S. Clark was appointed to communicate with the brethren there.

Treasury.

The Committee on Accounts made report; which was accepted; and a tax of 25 cents was assessed on each member of the several District Associations for the ensuing year.

Preacher on Home Missions.

Rev. Samuel Harris, of Conway, was appointed *primary*, and Rev. Robert McEwen, of Enfield, *substitute*, to preach the Sermon on Home Missions at the next meeting of the General Association.

Pastoral Address.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Tucker, Cogswell, and Noble, of the Brewster Association, was appointed to prepare the next Pastoral Address.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, made the following report, which was adopted:—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Old school,)

Rev. J. Woodbridge, D. D., } Primaries.
Rev. A. W. McClure, }
Rev. A. P. Marvin, } Substitutes.
Rev. Samuel Harris, }

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (New school,)

Rev. A. Ely, D. D., } Primaries.
Rev. A. Peters, D. D., }
Rev. Francis Horton, } Substitutes.
Rev. G. C. Beckwith, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. R. M. Chipman, } Primaries.
Rev. I. N. Tarbox, }
Rev. D. R. Austin, } Substitutes.
Rev. John Pike, }

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. James Bradford, } Primaries.
Rev. Nathaniel Cogswell, }
Rev. Josiah Ballard, } Substitutes.
Rev. Calvin Durfee, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. J. B. M. Bailey, } Primaries.
Rev. E. W. Bullard, }
Rev. Erastus Maltby, } Substitutes.
Rev. James T. Woodbury, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. J. L. Taylor, } Primaries.
Rev. T. Packard, Jr., }
Rev. Robert S. Hitchcock, } Substitutes.
Rev. George P. Smith, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. T. C. Biscoe, } Primaries.
Rev. Charles S. Porter, }
Rev. Oren Sikes, } Substitutes.
Rev. B. Tappan, Jr., }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D., } Primaries.
Rev. Rev. Aaron Pickett, }
Rev. Jonas Perkins, } Substitutes.
Rev. Joseph Haven, Jr., }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Elam Smalley, } Primaries.
Rev. U. C. Burnap, }
Rev. G. C. Beckwith, } Substitutes.
Rev. Morris E. White, }

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. A. M. Colton, Primary.
Rev. Sewall Harding, Substitute.

To the General Congregational Association of Iowa.
Rev. T. T. Richmond, Primary.
Rev. George C. Partridge, Substitute.

To the Oregon Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Brethren.
Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Primary.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.
Rev. David Sanford, Primary.
Rev. Robert Crawford, Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of England, Wales and Ireland.
Rev. A. C. Thompson.

Agency for distributing the Minutes.

Voted, That Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, of Boston, be employed to print and distribute the Minutes of this Association, according to the provisions of the 31st Rule.

Pastoral Address adopted.

The Pastoral Address was read by Rev. H. A. Tracy; which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Addresses in behalf of Benevolent Societies.

Interesting Addresses were made by Rev. J. Tracy, in behalf of the American Colonization Society;

Rev. S. Harding, in behalf of the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society;

Rev. S. H. Riddell, in behalf of the American Education Society;

Rev. G. A. Oviatt, in behalf of the American Sunday School Union;

Rev. G. C. Beckwith, in behalf of the American Peace Society;

Rev. A. Bullard, in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

The Committee on the Narrative of Religion reported, through their chairman, Rev. S. H. Riddel, a brief Narrative of the State of Religion: which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes:—

Thanks Voted.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Rev. Mr. Thompson, and the people under his ministry, for their Christian hospitality during the present meeting; also to the Choir, for their acceptable service: and that the Rev. Mr. Thompson be requested to communicate the same.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., spent 1½ hour in devotional exercises. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.* Met agreeably to adjournment, and heard the Associational Sermon, by Rev. Dr. Bullard, of St. Louis, from Mark iv: 26—28.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, by Rev. Dr. Cooley, and Rev. H. H. Benson, of Wisconsin.

Voted, To accept these as the Minutes of this Association.

After prayer by Rev. S. Harding, and the Doxology, voted to adjourn.

TIMOTHY MATHER COOLEY, *Moderator.*
ERASTUS MALTBY, *Scribe.*
J. L. TAYLOR, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE General Association of Massachusetts, in the review of the gracious dealings of God, with the ministers and churches of their connection during the year now closing, would renewedly record their grateful testimony to his covenant, faithfulness, and mercy. The noble vine which his Providence brought out and planted upon these shores, amid so many signs of a new and more glorious demonstration of his saving power, and which, with the same view, he has never failed to nourish and defend through the perilous vicissitudes of many generations, we behold under his continued favor, extending its branches to our remotest borders, and abounding in the fruits which are for the healing of the nations. When error has come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord has lifted up a standard against it; and, although some of the ancient churches have slidden from their foundations, yet the great body of them have been only strengthened and enlarged, while many have been added to their number; so that the evangelical influence of the churches of Massachusetts, at home and abroad, was never so great as at this day. Their efficiency in the work of disseminating the Gospel has been evinced, even the past year, by a steady increase in almost all the forms of benevolent action, notwithstanding the period has been one of great depression in the pecuniary prosperity of the people.

In respect to all the outward signs of strength and visible means of edification, the churches of the State may be regarded, at the present time, as enjoying much of the favor of Christ. No causes of general agitation and distraction are, at present, rife among them; and, with very few exceptions,

they are exempt from private disturbances of their harmony and peace. Serious difficulties, of long standing, have, in some instances been happily composed. Four new churches have been organized during the year; and a number of new meeting-houses for these and others have been erected. It is believed that there is a tendency towards greater stability in the pastoral relation, although much improvement in this particular remains to be desired. One Association, which is so fortunate as to have two pastors in their body who have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their settlement with the people whom they continue to serve, is able to make out an average of seventeen years for the extent of the pastoral relation among them. This, however, is an extraordinary example.

It is gratifying to learn from all parts of the State that an unabating zeal is manifested in improving the important advantages of Sabbath School instruction. Most of the schools have connected with them Bible classes for young persons; and, in many instances, for adults. The Association are pleased to notice that in an increasing number, from year to year, the children and youth are taught the Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

It is also gratifying to know, that, as an antidote to the specious and disorganizing doctrines which are so industriously disseminated through various channels at this day, some of our churches have been led to give more scrupulous attention to the duties of household instruction and discipline,—to family government and religion. From others, however, it is sad to hear the complaint reiterated, that these important duties are much neglected.

The reports from the different Associations, with regard to revivals of religion the present year, are generally meagre. Much the largest number report no revival within their bounds; and others but one or two. It is worthy of grateful notice, however, that individual instances of conversion, making in the aggregate a goodly number, have been reported from places where no special revival has been enjoyed. Many churches have been gently and silently refreshed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and have rejoiced over some sinners brought to repentance, where the impression of the work has not become general upon the congregation. Such has been the case with several churches in Boston; in connection with which it is hoped that about one hundred conversions in all have taken place. From eight Associations in the State, a few revivals of more special interest and power have been reported. Within the

bounds of Hampden East, the number has been greater than in any other section; and as many as one hundred conversions have there been enumerated.

In regard to attendance on public worship, the keeping of the Sabbath, the cause of temperance, and public morals generally, in the State, there is little to distinguish the past year from that which preceded it; or the churches of Massachusetts from those around them in New England at the present time. The connection of all these virtues with the interests of religion and the salvation of the soul is deeply felt by the ministers and members of our churches; and it is believed that they are generally disposed to meet their own proper responsibilities in regard to them.

The sins and evils which are more generally complained of among us, are a prevailing spirit of worldliness on the part of the professing followers of Christ, and a passion for gay pleasures and exciting amusements on the part of the unconverted members of our congregations, which often seem to render the ministrations of the sanctuary in a great measure unfruitful. Into connection with some of the more disguised and equivocal forms of the latter evil, many professors of religion likewise allow themselves to be drawn, to the injury of their own spiritual life, and of their own distinctive Christian influence. For these things, so far as they exist in the churches, the Spirit of God, if not finally grieved away, will ultimately bring upon us open rebuke and deep humiliation.

The colleges in the State have continued in the enjoyment of their wonted prosperity. Williams and Amherst Colleges have been visited during the year with the special effusions of the Spirit. The Theological Seminary at Andover shares in an increasing measure the confidence and patronage of the churches; and sends out a goodly number from year to year, who are ready to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Yet it is matter of deep concern that the number of young men preparing for the ministry, in this and other seminaries of the land, is so greatly inadequate to supply the rapidly increasing want of educated, evangelical ministers for our country and the world.

Six of our beloved fathers and brethren in the ministry have been removed by death during the year, viz.:—Rev. Benjamin Wood of Upton, Rev. Samuel Gay of Hubbardston, Rev. Pomeroy Belden of Amherst, East Parish, Rev. Malachi Bullard of Winchendon, Rev. Oliver Cobb of South Rochester, and Rev. David Palmer of Townshend.

The General Association have been much gratified with the intelligence received from most of the other ministerial and ecclesiastical bodies, with whom they are in correspondence, by their delegates in attendance at this meeting, showing how remarkably God is carrying on his work, providentially and by his Holy Spirit, in every part of our widely extended country.

The infant churches in the far West particularly seem to have been the most favored, during the year, of any in the whole land, with powerful revivals of religion. Thrice happy in the reception of such cheering communications, is that peculiar intimacy of kindred and communion subsisting between us and these distant regions of our American Zion, which opens the way even now to that mighty tide of sympathy and joy which is destined soon to roll its rapturous hosanna round the earth.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren,—

The General Association, in this their annual address to the churches under their care, desire, not as a matter of form, but with all sincerity and earnestness, to exhort you in relation to some things of vital importance to your spiritual welfare. We would "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance," not in a complaining spirit but with Christian fidelity and love; and we pray you brethren to give heed to our exhortation. It is a mournful truth that through sin our Zion is shorn of much of her strength; that there are evils existing among us which mar her beauty, and waste her life. And while we call attention to some of these, we would not forget to render thanks to the Great Head of the Church, that he has not wholly forsaken his people, but that portions of his heritage have been refreshed with the dews of heavenly grace the past year. Some parts of our Zion have been as a watered garden; and yet there is great occasion to mourn the hidings of God's face, and the absence of his Spirit from most of the churches in our connection. Great spiritual barrenness prevails, and multitudes of individual professors are like the heath in the desert. They do not see when good cometh.

We would, in this address, lay the axe at the root of these evils; or at least suggest that course which, if faithfully pursued, will restore vital energy to the waning piety of Christians, and lead them to imitate the ardor and devotion of the apostle to the gentiles, who, "forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth unto the things that are before, pressed towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We are persuaded that *a more diligent and prayerful study of the word of God, both by Pastors and private Christians, would tend in an eminent degree to produce this result.*

This will be the subject of our exhortation.

We are convinced, from careful observation, that among both pastors and churches, there is a neglect, and we fear a growing neglect of the Scriptures. We do not mean to assert the universal, but the extensive, neglect of the Word of God as a matter of devotional study. By a devotional study of the Scriptures, we mean such a contemplation of their instructions, united with fervent prayer to God for the teachings of his Spirit, as will improve the heart. Such study brings the heart into communion with truth. It is directly adapted to excite holy emotion, and lead the Christian to rejoice at the Word of God as those that find great spoil.

There are various causes that have conspired to produce this neglect of the Bible.

The active, bustling spirit of the age is at war with a calm, patient, prayerful, and daily study of the Scriptures. The devotional reading and contemplation of God's word can be pursued to advantage only in retirement, but retirement has few attractions for the multitude in this day. The piety of the Church, in gaining activity, has lost too much of the contemplative character, and by this has suffered.

The multiplicity of books, good and bad, and their extensive circulation, contribute not a little to this neglect. Even Sabbath-school libraries, composed mostly of useful and good books, have a tendency to draw away attention from the Word of God, especially upon the Sabbath, when few books save the Bible should engage the thoughts of Christians.

The almost countless number of newspapers and magazines, religious, political, and miscellaneous, representing every shade of opinion in the world, and furnishing a daily, weekly, or monthly report of entertainment or instruction, some of it of a most deleterious character, operates to exclude the Word of God from the place which it should hold. It is not unfrequently the case that the religious newspaper with all its secular news, its agricultural instruction, and its price current, forms the chief reading on the Sabbath of some, if not of many, who are members of the Church. We by no means intend by these remarks to undervalue the religious newspaper. It has done, and is doing, a great and good work; but it must not usurp the place of God's Word. There are instances in which it has done this, and hence our remark.

This neglect of the Scriptures is detrimental to all the interests of the soul. "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." The spiritual part of man needs sustenance in order to thrive, as much as the animal. And it must have that which is suited to its condition. The Scriptures furnish that aliment for the soul which its nature and circumstances demand. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

It is true that communion with the thoughts of those who have communed most with the Word of God is profitable to Christians. And in calling attention to the Bible as a neglected book, we would not disparage the writings of such men as Baxter, Doddridge, Owen, Leighton, and others of like spirit. Their works are of great worth and may be studied to spiritual advantage. But the chief excellence of their writings consists in their conformity to the spirit and instructions of the Scriptures. But no books, however excellent, can take the place of the Bible. All of human origin partake of human imperfection; but the Word of God is pure, unmixed truth, and he who communes frequently and deeply with revealed truth will be a man of spiritual understanding and strength.

The diligent and prayerful study of the Scriptures is necessary to the growth and strength of spiritual life. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." There is more than an intimation in this counsel of Peter, that the word must be read or heard, and inwardly digested, in order that it may be the means of nourishing the spiritual life. The growth and strength of spiritual life consists in an increase of knowledge, wisdom and goodness. These are the elements of sanctification. But no soul can grow in knowledge, wisdom and goodness without an intimate and frequent communion with the Word of God. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," is the prayer of Christ for his disciples and for all who through them should believe on him. And as an explanation of the method by which the process of sanctification is carried on, the apostle Peter, in writing to his brethren, says,—"Ye have purified your souls, in obeying the truth, through the Spirit." "Thy word," says the Psalmist, "have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." "By the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer." As sanctification is a progressive work, there is a necessity for frequent communion with that

Word which feeds the soul with knowledge, makes men wise unto salvation, and transforms them into the likeness of Him who is good and doeth good.

Such a study of the Word of God as we urge *would beget a love of truth, and correct that morbid craving for excitement which prevails to a great extent.* It is this diseased state of mind which renders the Word of God insipid to so many. They are not edified and interested unless excited. And as the Word of God tends rather to produce an humble, calm, though elevated state of mind, to kindle a steady flame of devotion, and not a conflagration of passion; as it is like the light of the sun and not the flash of a meteor, it has few attractions for them. A return to the frequent and prayerful study of the Scriptures will produce a healthy action of the mind and heart. It will cure this fever of the soul.

Again:—*Such study would check a worldly spirit.* The prevalence of this spirit is, at the present time, a prominent evil among Christians. In some of its forms, the spirit of the world has great power over the Church. Professed Christians conform themselves to the customs of the world, engage earnestly in its pursuits, and seek with great zeal its rewards. Nothing is more detrimental to the growth or even to the existence of spiritual life than conformity to the world. It chills the heart of piety, brings a blight upon the plants of righteousness, poisons every principle of goodness, and places the soul in direct opposition to God. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God; whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The study of the Scriptures, in the manner recommended, by bringing the heart into communion with objects elevated and pure, would so raise the soul above the vanities of earth, as in a great measure to save the heart from being deluded by its promises or mocked by its hopes. He who meditates daily in the Word of God, has bread to eat that the world knows not of. The mind and heart are fed and satisfied, and do not hunger for the delights of earth. And because "his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night, he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

In short, there is no evil existing in the hearts or lives of Christians which a daily, prayerful, and earnest study of God's Word will not tend to correct; there is not a spiritual joy of which the heart is capable, that such study will not inspire.

It is the only sovereign antidote to error. A prayerful acquaintance and communion with God's word is the best preparation for meeting the deadly influence of the sceptical, philosophical speculations of the times. The diligent student of the Bible is armed at all points; for the Scriptures furnish every weapon needed both for offence and defence.

The Church needs in this day, as a pre-requisite to the part she is called to take in the conquest of the world, a well-proportioned, living, consolidated piety. Such a piety must be deeply rooted in the Word of God, and must draw its life and nourishment from that Word. It is not the sickly sentimentalism, that passes for piety with many, that will convert the world. Such a piety is the religion of passion and not of principle,—of the imagination and not of the heart. The piety needed must have symmetry and strength, and these must come from the Word of God, and not from dreams and philosophical speculations.

We might warn you against the influence of certain popular notions of the present time, but it is not needed. The prayerful study of the Scriptures will prove an effectual antidote to all that is delusive and destructive. The Word of God is a light shining in a dark place; and you need but to give heed to this Word to be guided through all the labyrinths of sin and error into the clear and perfect day.

While we thus exhort and warn you, dear brethren, with regard to your own spiritual welfare, suffer us to remind you of the duty you owe your children in relation to the word of God. You must teach them by example and by precept to reverence the Scriptures. You cannot, without neglecting an imperative duty, leave their religious instruction to the Sabbath school. You must "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." See that they read the Scriptures and understand them. Watch strictly the books that they gain access to, and banish from your dwellings every thing of evil tendency. Be like the father of the faithful of whom God declared, "I know him, that he will command his children and household after him;" and as a consequence he added, "and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment."

"And now brethren we commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

"Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 27, 1848.	Balance in the Treasury, according to the estimate of the annual tax of $75, then due, ...			$61 00
" 29, "	Received from the several District Associations, ...	$111 75		
	Which exceeds the estimate of . .	75 00		36 75
	Leaving a balance in the Treasury of . . .			$97 75

Contra, Dr.

June 29, 1848.	Paid Rev. J. S. Clark's bill, (money he paid out for General Association,) of .	$4 41	
	Postage on letters, ...	10	
" 11, 1849.	Paid Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, for printing 100 blanks, ...	2 25	
	Also, for printing and paper for 1,000 copies "Minutes" for 1848, ...	133 50	
	Travelling expenses of the Secretary, .	5 00	145 26
	Leaving the Treasury minus		$47 51
	The tax of twenty-five cents each member, due June, 1849, may amount to		100 00
	Which will leave in the Treasury, for future expenses,		52 49

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

L. SABIN, }
J. KNIGHT, } *Auditors.*

Roxbury, June 27, 1849.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arranged in the Alphabetical order of the several District Associations.

N. B. The columns denoting Parishes, Ministers, and date of Settlement, correspond with the facts as they were supposed to exist when the last meeting of the General Association was held, June, 1849. The number of Communicants is reported for 1st January preceding. The Admissions, Removals, and Baptisms, are designed to cover the year 1848. The Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes embrace both teachers and pupils who usually attend these exercises. In a *few* instances the number of church members has been supplied from the returns of the previous year,—though not till all reasonable efforts have failed to secure the present number.

1. ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover, South,	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	121	326	447	75	2	10	12	6	7	1	14		5	300
" West,	S. C. Jackson,	June 6, 1827	58	136	194			5	5	4	2		6		6	250
" North,	Wm. T. Briggs,	Nov. 4, 1846	12	44	56		1		1	4			4		2	180
" Theol. Sem	Ralph Emerson,															
Chelmsford, North,	B. F. Clark,	Aug. 1, 1839	36	52	88			5	5						3	85
Dracut, 1st Evan. ch.	G. W. Thompson,	Stated supply.	25	65	90	24	3	1	4	1			1			80
" West,	Vacant,		31	54	85											
" East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	12	24	36						1		1		3	
Lawrence,	Lyman Whiting,	June 16, 1847	37	36	73	8		30	30		2	1	3		3	200
Lowell, 1st ch.	Willard Child, D. D.	Oct. 1, 1845	114	674	788											475
" Appleton-st. c.	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	76	384	460											
" John-st. ch.	S. W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	91	400	491		8	6	14	6	25	1	34	3	10	349
" Kirk-st. ch.	Amos Blanchard,	May 21, 1845	65	157	222		3	3	6	2	10		12	1		274
" High-st. ch.	J. H. Towne,	Dec. 15, 1847	42	84	136		2	34	36	2	5		7	1	5	180
Methuen,	J. C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	64	133	197			1		3				1		300
Tewksbury,	Jacob Coggin,	Oct. 22, 1806														
	Moses Kimball,	Feb. 24, 1847	75	92	167					2	5		7	6	3	
Total, 16	16		859	2661	3520	107	19	95	114	30	57	3	90	6	40	2663

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Edwards, D. D., Sec. Am. For. Sab. Union, Andover; Milton Badger, D. D., Sec. A. H. M. Society, N. Y.; Rev. J. Page, stated supply at Atkinson, N. H.; Rev. Joseph Merrill, Dracut; Rev. T. Atkinson, Lowell.

2. BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adult	Infants	
Adams, North,	Robert Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	42	93	135	31	5	14	19		10	1	11		2	130
" South,	J. Jay Dana,	June 15, 1848	17	37	54	14		6	6	1	3		4			115
Alfred,	A. L. Crandall,	Stated supply.	6	13	19						2		2			40
Becket,	Lavius Hyde,	Oct. 20, 1841	67	120	187	12	9	1	10	8	5		13	2	5	87
Dalton,	O. M. Sears,	Sept. 29, 1847	32	55	87	8	1	2	3	6	2		8		4	95
Egremont,	J. G. Hall,	Oct. 19, 1842	26	59	85	6		5	5		3		3		2	80
Great Barrington,	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	58	137	195	20	1	1	2	4	2		6	1	2	187
Hinsdale,	E. Taylor,	Feb. 3, 1847	73	117	190	18	7	8	15		3		3	3	7	260
Housatonic,	Vacant,															
Lanesboro',	Vacant,		25	37	62			2	2						1	88
Lee,	Ralph Smith,	Dec. 9, 1846	103	197	300	13	1	4	5	5	4		9	1	2	173
Lenox,	Henry Neill,	Aug. 26, 1846			183			2	2		1		1		6	123
Monterey,	Samuel Howe,	July 24, 1844	31	56	87	13				4	1		5			90
New Marlboro', North	C. Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1842	50	115	165			2	2	7	1		8		1	100
" South	Vacant,		28	57	85											90
Otis,	H. Gibson,	July 1, 1840	39	75	114			2	2	2	2		4			135
Peru,	J. Knight,	July 6, 1836	74	103	177	4		2	2	3	2		5		1	245
Pittsfield, 1st,	J. Todd, D. D.	Feb. 16, 1842	239	529	768	260	9	12	21	12	23		35	3	18	400
" (colored,)	Vacant,		10	12	22					2			2			30
Richmond,	E. L. Clark,	Jan. 20, 1838	31	64	95					1			1		3	40
Sandisfield,	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	67	175	242		2	7	9	4			4		1	175
Sheffield,	J. Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	59	195	254		5	2	7		1		1	4	4	125
Stockbridge,	T. S. Clarke,	June 15, 1837	99	166	265	67	1	1	2	2	3	1	6		4	216
" Curtisville,	Vacant,		16	40	56										3	95
Washington,	F. Norwood,	Sept. 2, 1846	16	36	52			2	2							80
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	S. Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	35	61	96	10	4		4	4			4	2		85
" Village,	Vacant,		20	35	55											
Williamstown,	A. Peters, D. D.	Nov. 10, 1844	117	210	327		20	4	24	3	9	1	13	3	15	190
" South,	J. A. Hazen,	Oct. 18, 1848	14	41	55		10	2	12					10		50
" College,	M. Hopkins, D. D.															
Windsor,	G. R. Entler,	Dec. 1, 1847	45	59	104		2	2	4	2	2		4	2		140
Austerlitz, N. Y.	S. Utley,	June 1848	25	74	99											
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.	John Wickes,	Dec. 6, 1848	26	60	86	23	2	2	4	4	5		9		3	70
New Concord, N. Y.	T. S. Brown,	Stated supply.	25	50	75											66
Total, 34	28		1519	3028	4776	419	79	85	164	67	77	3	146	31	78	3598

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Alden, D. D., Williamstown, Prof. in College; R. S. Cook, Secretary Am. Tract Society, New York; W. H. Tyler, Principal Young Ladies' Institute, Pittsfield; Noah Sheldon, Stockbridge; R. Pomeroy, Otis; E. Jennings, Dalton; H. Humphrey, D. D., Pittsfield; T. A. Hall, Principal of the Academy at Lee; Bancroft Fowler, Stockbridge; S. R. Giddings, Great Barrington; Alfred A. Gilbert, Lanesboro'; E. B. Andrews.

3. BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absen.	Prof	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adult.	Infants	
Chatham,	E. W. Tucker,	March 25, 1846	42	128	170		2		2	2	1		3	2	13	228
Eastham,	E. W. Noble,	Stated supply.	10	38	48	5				2			2			75
Harwich,	T. P. Sawin,	1849	32	85	117					2		1	3		1	100
Orleans,	Jacob White,	Stated supply.	43	120	163			2	2	9	1		10		1	225
Provincetown,	O. Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846	10	31	41		1		1					1		50
Truro,	Vacant,		41	80	121	2									1	130
" North,	Vacant,		8	25	33											
Wellfleet,	C. C. Beaman,	Dec. 2, 1846	75	125	200			3	3	7	5		12		8	155
" South,	S. Bailey,	Stated supply.	59	86	145											
Yarmouth,	N. Cogswell,	April 24, 1822	25	77	102		2		2	4			4			130
Total, 10	8		346	795	1141	7	5	5	10	26	7	1	34	3	24	1093

Without Pastoral Charge.—Enoch Pratt, Brewster; George Goodyear, Truro; Henry Van Houten, West Tisbury.

4. BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Brimfield,	Vacant,		45	110	155					6	1		7			200
Brookfield,	Micah Stone,	March 11, 1801														
	Samuel Hutchings,	Sept. 15, 1847	28	75	103			8	8	3			3		2	118
Charlton,	Nelson Clark,	Stated supply.	14	79	93		2	2	4	1	2		3	2	3	100
Dana, Storrsville,	John Keep,	April 24, 1844	11	28	39	10	1	1	2	2	1		3			86
Dudley,	Joshua Bates, D. D.	March 22, 1843			113	12	1		1	1	1		2		3	100
Hardwick,	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	31	76	107											100
Holland,	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	14	37	51		1		1	2		3	5			50
New Braintree,	John Fiske, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1796	32	97	129	18		1	1	2	4	1	7		3	106
North Brookfield,	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	77	143	220	20	3	6	9	2	3	3	8	1	6	350
Oakham,	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	71	161	232	39	2	2	4		4		4		8	250
Southbridge,	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	58	119	177		6	5	11	2	9		11	2	7	200
Spencer,	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	32	81	113	10	4	5	9	4	3		7	4	1	228
Sturbridge,	David R. Austin,	May 12, 1839	89	222	311	77	1	5	6	14	5		19		8	200
Ware, West,	David N. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	45	83	128	16				3			3		4	130
" Village,	Nahum Gale,	June 22, 1842	79	174	253	47	10	5	15	5	11		16	6	14	278
Warren,	Charles Smith,	Oct. 27, 1847	40	93	133	12		7	7	7	6	2	15		6	170
West Brookfield,	Leonard S. Parker,	Dec. 19, 1844	69	137	206	30	13	1	14	4	4		8	7	10	250
Total, 17	17		757	1759	2629	291	44	48	92	52	53	9	114	22	75	2969

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. W. A. Nichols, Brookfield.

5. ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Amesbury, West,	Albert Paine,	Sept. 7, 1848	49	133	182		1	1	2	4	1		5	1	4	160
" Mills,	J. H. Mordough,	Stated supply.	68	136	204			1	1	3	1	1	5		7	175
" and Salisbury,	Vacant,		13	50	63											85
Boxford, West,	C. E. Park,	Oct. 14, 1846														
Bradford, 1st par.	Nathan Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	59	128	187		1	2	3	4	3		7	1	7	175
" 2d par.	G. B. Perry, D. D.	Sept. 14, 1814	67	93	160											140
Byfield,	Vacant,		48	101	149											20
Georgetown,	Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1779														
	J. M. Prince,	Feb. 3, 1847	62	114	176	20	4	2	6	3	5		8	1	7	269
Haverhill, Centre,	B. F. Hosford,	May 21, 1845	62	114	176	33	2		2	5	3	1	9		1	125
" North,	D. Oliphant,	Stated supply.	19	48	67											60
" East,	Wales Lewis,	1849	7	21	28	5										
" West,	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	42	85	127	12	2	1	3		2		2		1	125
Ipswich, 1st par.	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	45	121	166		5	1	6	7			7	1	6	160
" Linebrook,	Vacant,		26	34	60											50
Newbury, 1st par.	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	60	80	140											180
" Belleville,	D. T. Fiske,	Aug. 18, 1847	55	104	159		8	5	13	2		3	5	3		140
" Lower Green,	Vacant,															
Newburyport, N. ch.	L. F. Dimmick,	Dec. 8, 1819	70	280	350		5	6	11	10			10			170
" Temple-st. ch.	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837														
" Federal-st. ch.	J. F. Stearns,	Sept. 16, 1835														
Rowley,	John Pike,	Nov. 18, 1840	24	86	110		3		3					2	2	105
Salisbury, Hill,	B. Sawyer,	Stated supply.	18	44	62											90
W. Newbury, E. par	Vacant,		15	43	58											90
" W. par.	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	52	95	147			1	1	2	1	3	6		5	125
Total, 24	20		861	1910	2771	70	31	20	51	40	16	8	64	9	40	2354

6. ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Beverly, Dane-st.	Joseph Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	83	167	250											
" Washington-st.	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	27	92	119	6		3	3	2			2			
" Upper,	Allen Gannet,	Dec. 15, 1847	6	22	28	2		4	4	2	3		5		1	60
Boxford, 1st ch.	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	20	48	68					1			1		1	150
Danvers, 1st ch.	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826														
" 2d ch.	T. P. Field,	Oct. 1840	76	190	266											200
" 3d ch.	James Fletcher,	June 20, 1849	20	49	69	1	6	2	8		1		1	2	4	136
Essex,	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	44	86	130	2				3			3		2	215
Gloucester, Harbor,	James Aiken,	Nov. 22, 1848	23	95	118		1	3	4						12	
" Annisquam,	D. Tilton,	Aug. 12, 1840	13	25	38					3			3			60
" West par.	W. F. Wheeler,	Stated supply.	12	36	48											
Hamilton,	G. W. Kelley,	July 3, 1834	53	99	152											
Ipswich, South,	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	41	133	174		15	2	17	5			5	4	12	150
Lynn, 1st ch.	Parsons Cook,	May 4, 1836	49	132	181		2	9	11	7			7		4	50
" 2d ch.	J. B. Clark,	Stated supply.	8	18	26	1									1	150
Lynnfield Centre,	H. S. Greene,	Dec. 27, 1837	13	36	49	2	2		2		1		1	1	1	97
Manchester,	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	91	178	269		2	2	4	8	2		10	1	3	300
Marblehead,	E. A. Lawrence,	April 23, 1845	80	259	339		3	3	6	6			6	1	2	280
Middleton,	Vacant,															
Rockport,	W. Gale,	May 4, 1836	133	210	343			1	1	9	1	1	11		23	345
Salem, Crombie-st.	Alex. J. Sessions,	June 6, 1838	46	164	210			7	7	3			3		3	160
" South ch.	B. Emerson, D. D.	April 24, 1805	96	263	359		1	4	5		3	3	6		6	350
" Tabernacle ch.	S. M. Worcester, D.D.	Dec. 3, 1834	95	353	448	30	1	11	12	5	6	2	13		9	450
Saugus,	C. Stone,	Stated supply.	4	18	22	4									1	30
Topsfield,	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	55	108	163	14		2	2	2		2	4		3	160
Wenham,	J. Taylor,	Oct. 27, 1847	47	76	125			1	1	3	2		5		2	250
Total, 26	25		1115	2857	3972	62	33	54	87	59	19	8	86	9	90	3573

7. FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashfield,	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840	75	130	205	18		2	2	6	7		13		3	140
Bernardston,	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	29	46	75	11	2	2	4	3	4		7	2	3	75
Buckland,	Asa B. Smith,	March 22, 1848	62	117	179	28	5	2	7	7	6	2	15	2	2	250
Charlemont, East,	Aaron Foster,	Stated supply.	22	45	67	15	23	3	26	1	3		1	12	7	60
" West,	John D. Smith,	June 21, 1848	32	64	96	7	6	4	10	4	1		5	4		180
Colerain,	Cyrus W. Allen,	Feb. 28, 1849	13	36	49	9		1	1		2		2			75
Conway,	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	119	217	336	23	50	15	65	6	12		18	21	5	300
Deerfield, North,	Vacant,		29	41	70	10				1	3		4		5	120
" South, 1st,	George Lyman,	Stated supply.	23	47	70	6		3	3	4	16		20		3	100
" " 2d,	David A. Strong,	March 21, 1849	13	23	36		3	26	29					1	3	90
Erving,	Andrew B. Foster,	Stated supply.	10	15	25	11		2	2		2		2			35
Gill,	Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839														
	Wm. Miller,	Feb. 21, 1849	10	30	40	5	1		1	1	2		3		5	122
Greenfield, 1st,	A. Chandler, D. D.	Oct. 24, 1832	10	26	36		2		2	1	2		3	1		90
" 2d,	George C. Partridge,	May 18, 1848	50	100	150	31		2	2		7		7		1	105
Hawley, East,	Wm. Hawley,	Stated supply.	46	64	110			1	1	3	6		9		1	
" West,	John Eastman,	Nov. 11, 1847	20	36	56		1		1		2		2		4	65
Heath,	Zolva Whitmore,	Stated supply.	50	84	134	10	27	3	30	2	4		6	2	10	170
Montague,	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	45	82	127	15	1	2	3	4	4		8		2	160
New Salem, North,	Vacant,		6	13	19	5				1			1			
Northfield,	Willard Jones,	Stated supply.	19	51	70	6		1	1	1			1		2	66
Orange, (Irvingsville,)	Vacant,		9	10	19	6				1	3		4			
" South,	Marshal P. Angier,	Stated supply.	6	14	20											75
Rowe,	Benjamin F. Clarke,	June 7, 1849	11	22	33	6				3			3		3	40
Shelburne,	T. Packard, D. D.	Feb. 20, 1799														
	T. Packard, Jr.	March 12, 1828	54	104	158	12	8	4	12	1	3		4	1	5	235
Shutesbury,	Ezra Newton, Jr.	March 1, 1848	18	34	52			2	2		2		2		2	60
Sunderland,	Austin Cary,	Nov. 11, 1840	75	115	190	13	3	10	13	2	6		8		18	275
Warwick,	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec. 23, 1835	12	43	55					1			1		3	60
Wendell,	N. S. Dickinson,	May 26, 1847	25	50	75	3	1	8	9	3	3	2	8		4	125
Total, 23	27		893	1659	2552	250	133	93	226	56	97	4	158	46	91	3073

Without Pastoral Charge.—Salmon Bennett, Heath; Charles Boyter, Orange; Horatio Flagg, Colerain; Eli Moody, Montague; Henry Seymour, Shelburne.

8. HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chicopee, 1st,	E. B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	27	53	80	11	1		1	2	7		9		1	75
" 2d,	S. G Clapp,	April 26, 1837	56	130	186		17	17	34	1	10	1	12	6	1	229
" 3d,	S. S. N Greely,	Stated supply.	54	145	199		32	14	46	4	1		5	13	7	161
Longmeadow,	Vacant,															
" East,	M. Tupper,	Oct. 7, 1835	41	84	125	25	1	6	7	2	5		7	1	1	150
Ludlow, 1st ch.	J W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	50	85	135	16		1	1	6	5	4	15		4	185
" 2d ch.	Plinius Moody,	Stated supply.	11	19	30	1		6	6		3		3		1	100
Monson,	A. Ely, D. D.	Dec 6, 1806														
	C. B. Kittredge,	Oct 21, 1846	133	229	362		2	4	6	11	16	1	28	2		200
Palmer, 1st ch.	M. K. Cross,	Feb. 2, 1842	30	67	97	25		6	6		2	1	3		2	100
" 2d ch.	Thomas Wilson,	March 1, 1848	23	54	77	3	5	10	15	1			1	1	1	100
Springfield, 1st ch.	S. Osgood, D. D.	Jan. 25, 1809	120	330	450		2	18	20	7	5		12	2	8	280
" Hill,	E. Russell,	May, 15, 1839														
" North ch.	R. H. Seely,	March 1, 1849	26	33	59					3	2		5			40
" South ch.	S. G. Buckingham,	June 16, 1847	78	113	191	26	3	31	34	5	7		12		10	200
Wilbraham, North,	J. Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	74	119	193											
" South,	H. Beebe,	April 19, 1848	17	15	62		2	2	4	1	1		2		3	105
Total. 17	16		740	1506	2246	107	65	115	180	43	64	7	114	25	39	1925

Without Pastoral Charge.—F. A. Barton, R. H. Conklin, and S. Wolcott.

9. HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Blandford,	Charles J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	38	94	132		5		5	4	4		8	3	6	125
Chester,	Hiram Bingham,	Stated supply.	39	70	109											70
" Factories,	Dillon Williams,	Stated supply.	10	17	27										3	35
" Village,	Perkins K. Clark,	Stated supply.	12	21	33			1	1						1	70
Granville,	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	38	91	129	48	2		2	1	5		6		1	120
" West,	H. B. Smith,	July 22, 1847	26	52	78		2	2	4		2		2		2	117
Montgomery,	Hervey Smith,	Stated supply.	10	25	35			2	2							48
Southwick,	Henry Cooley,	Dec. 2, 1846	20	68	88		10	4	14		3		3	5		70
Tolland,	Alonzo Sanderson,	Aug. 12, 1843	19	46	65			2	2	2	3		5			148
Westfield,	E. Davis, D. D.	June 1, 1836	117	283	400	24	5	11	16	8	8	1	17	2	8	250
West Springfield,	A. A. Wood,	Dec. 19, 1838	88	167	255	19	5	5	10	1	7	1	9	3	4	250
" Agawam,	Ralph Perry,	Dec. 28, 1847	42	83	125		11	10	21	4			4			100
" Ireland,	Simeon Miller,	May 7, 1846	18	47	65			2	2	1	10		11			90
" Feeding Hills,	S. W. Bailey,	Stated supply.	28	53	81	17				2	5		7		3	
" New City,	A. C. Pierce,	Stated supply.	7	14	21											30
Total, 15	15		512	1131	1643	108	40	39	79	23	47	2	72	13	28	1403

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. Harrison, Tolland; H. Boise, Granville, Principal of the Academy.

10. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Chesterfield,	Oliver Warner, Jr.	Stated supply.	19	54	73		2	3	5	2	2		4			70
Cummington, 1st,	James D. Chapman,	Jan. 12, 1844	35	65	100			1	1	1	2		3		1	140
" Village,	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	37	63	100	8	3	12	15	5	4		9	2	4	160
" Hubbardville,	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	31	61	92	13				1	2		3		1	60
East Hampton,	Payson Williston,	Aug. 13, 1789														
	William Bement,	Oct. 16, 1833	103	174	277		7	11	18	6	5		11		18	200
Goshen,	Vacant,		36	82	118	4	21	2	23	1	4		5	15	2	112
Hatfield,	Vacant,		55	111	166											
Middlefield,	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	42	66	108		6	2	8	3	6		9	1	2	60
Northampton, 1st,	E. Y. Swift,	Nov. 19, 1845	187	374	561		2	6	8	6	11		17		15	350
" Edwards ch.	George E. Day,	Jan. 12, 1848	74	139	213	25	8	13	21	1	7		8			150
Norwich,	J. R. Miller,	May 17, 1848	43	71	114	17	6	2	8	4	6		10		2	155
Plainfield,	H. J. Gaylord,	Oct. 6, 1847	59	127	186	6	32	2	34	5	5		10	15	7	200
Southampton,	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	160	227	387			6	6	5	7		12		10	
West Hampton,	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	53	90	143	6	3		3	2	3		5	1	1	146
Whately, 1st,	J. Howard Temple,	Sept. 30, 1845	54	78	132			6	6	3			3		5	100
" 2d,	J. S. Judd,	Oct. 12, 1843	35	55	90	3				2	19*		21		3	
Williamsburg,	S. C. Wilcox,	Feb. 10, 1847	119	149	268		5	5	10	8	6		14	3	2	220
Worthington,	J. H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	70	117	187	21	2	9	11	5	11		16	2	5	
Total, 18	17		1222	2103	3325	103	97	80	177	60	100		160	39	78	2023

* Of these, 18 were a colony to form the 2d church in South Deerfield.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Caleb Knight, Hatfield; William A. Hawley, Plainfield; John Ferguson, Whately; Erastus Clapp and Solomon Lyman, East Hampton.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Amherst, West,	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	95	205	300		1	5	6	3	12		15		9	200
" North,	George Cooke,	June 16, 1839	50	92	142	10	5	3	8		2		2	3	10	180
" East,	Vacant,		50	112	162	55	4	2	6	8	2		10		2	110
" South,	J. L. Merrick,	Jan. 31, 1849	39	81	120		1	5	6	3	2		5	1	3	151
" College ch.	Vacant,															
Belchertown,	Vacant,		136	216	352	68	4	2	6	6	12		18	2	11	193
Enfield,	Robert McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	147	232	379	40	63	5	68	5	4		9	30	3	300
Granby,	James Bates,	April 29, 1840	109	205	314	44	45	4	49	11	7		18	4	6	300
Greenwich,	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	45	93	138					2	6		8		4	150
Hadley, 1st par.	Rowland Ayres,	Jan. 12, 1848	85	143	228		3	3	6	2	8		10	1	15	
" 2d par.	Warren H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	28	71	99	3	2		2	1	3		4	1	5	120
" 3d par.	J. Woodbridge, D. D.	Feb. 26, 1842	41	52	93		5	5	10	5	2		7	1	1	
South Hadley, 1st par.	Thomas Laurie,	June 7, 1848	84	143	227	42	3	11	14	1	16		17	1	4	
" 2d par.	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	47	73	120	34	4	6	10	4	8	1	13	2	4	
Leverett,	David Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	30	55	85	12		2	2	1	2	2	5		3	75
Pelham,	A. C. Page,	Jan. 19, 1848	6	36	42	14		3	3	1			1			75
Prescott,	Vacant,		10	37	47	18	4		4							60
Total, 17	13		1002	1846	2848	340	144	56	200	53	86	3	142	46	80	1914

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. W. Curtis, Hadley; J. H. Patrick and J. Sanford, Amherst; W. Tyler, Northampton; E. Moody, Montague; R. Hawkes, South Hadley; D. Goodsel, East Haven, Ct.

12. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Blackstone,	M. Burdett,	May 5, 1841	24	43	67	15	3	5	8	3	1		4	4		175
" Millville,	W. Holbrook,	Aug. 18, 1841	14	33	47	8	3	2	5	2	2		4	3		65
Douglass, 1st ch.	L. Rood,	Stated supply.	13	33	46	34				4	2	1	7		1	70
" East,	C. D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	41	88	129	15	3	2	5	2	2	1	5	2	2	200
Grafton,	T. C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	99	178	277	56	6	5	11	9	11	1	21	2	4	300
Hopkinton,	J. C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	55	123	178	8	3	2	5	3	4	1	8	1	1	250
Millbury, 1st ch.	N. Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	34	103	137	35	1	1	2	4	10		14		3	125
" 2d ch.	L. Griggs,	Sept. 22, 1847	61	104	165		3	9	12	3	5	1	9	3	3	200
" Grass Hill,	S. Holman,	July 1, 1840	19	45	64	18				1	4		5		1	75
Northbridge,	W. Bates,	Nov. 5, 1845	29	64	93	10	2	3	5		3		3	1	3	80
" Whitinsville,	L. F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	32	77	109	18	6	11	17	1	1		2	4	9	230
Sutton,	H. A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	59	143	202	32	3	4	7	3	5	1	9		2	200
Upton,	B. Wood,	June 1, 1796	71	161	232	38	1	7	8	2	3		5	1	2	325
Uxbridge,	J. Orcutt,	Dec. 28, 1842	40	131	171	35	4		4	7	6		13	4	8	237
Webster,	L. Cary,	Aug. 14, 1845	40	78	118	30	7	2	9	2	5		7	6	1	170
Westboro',	H. N. Beers,	Oct. 13, 1847	99	217	316	16	10	18	28	6	18		24	3	14	300
Total, 16	16		730	1621	2351	368	55	71	126	52	84	6	140	34	54	3002

Without Pastoral Charge.—D. Holman, Douglass; H. A. Read, Webster.
T. A. Taylor, pastor of church Slatersville, R. I.

13. MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches. Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Dover,	O. W. Cooley,	May 4, 1848	11	19	30		1		1	1			1			35
Franklin,	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839	52	100	152		2	2	4	5	1		6		3	
Foxboro',	W. Barnes,	Dec. 15, 1847	31	74	105						2		2		1	150
Holliston,	T. D. P. Stone,	March 1, 1843	45	121	166		6	4	10	2	9		11	4	9	330
Mansfield,	M. Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	25	54	79	3	1		1	3	2		5	1	1	156
Medfield,	T. T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	25	58	83										1	65
Medway, 1st par.	S. Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	45	130	175	12	1	3	4	3	4		7		5	150
" West,	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	68	136	204	30	3	6	9	4	3		7	2	9	180
" Village,	D. Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	40	107	147	16	6	2	8	4	8		12	2	9	175
Mendon,	Vacant,		7	41	48											60
Milford,	Preston Pond,	Stated supply.	21	62	83			2	2	1	2		3		2	175
Wrentham,	Elisha Fiske, / Horace James,	June 12, 1799 / Nov. 1, 1843	64	198	262	34	61	10	71	6	1	1	8	28	22	300
" North,	Tyler Thacher,	Stated supply.	14	38	82			1	6	6	4		10		3	45
Total, 13	13		447	1139	1586	95	81	30	111	35	36	1	72	37	63	1821

14. MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Ashland,	Wm. M. Thayer,	June 10, 1849	39	88	127	30			5		2		2	1	3	160
Concord,	Vacant,		16	87	103											90
Framingham,	Increase N. Tarbox,	Nov. 22, 1844	64	163	227	17		7	7	5	7		12		6	202
Lincoln,	W. C. Jackson,	April 26, 1848	29	68	97	23	2	4	6	4	4	2	10	1	3	83
Marlboro',	David L. Ogden,	April 26, 1848	39	104	143											208
Natick,	Samuel Hunt,	July 17, 1839	44	103	147	22			2	2	1		3		5	150
Needham, West,	A. Bigelow,	July 7, 1847	30	70	100											100
" Grantville,	H. Newcomb,	Dec. 9, 1847	11	19	30											102
Saxonville,	B. G. Northrup,	March 10, 1847	21	72	93		11		11	1	5		6		4	150
Sherburne,	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	60	101	161											150
Southboro',	Alanson Rawson,	Stated supply.	62	108	170		7	7	14	2			2		3	317
Sudbury,	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841	55	95	150		3	1	4	4			4		2	183
Wayland,	Vacant,		15	65	80	17			1	2			2	1	4	120
Total, 13	11		485	1113	1598	109	23	19	50	21	19	2	41	3	30	2015

15. MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Acton,	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	94	143	237	26				8	2		10		3	150
Ashby,	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	61	68	129		1	3	4	4	1		5		1	175
Boxboro',	J. D. Farnsworth,	Jan. 6, 1842	16	20	36	18				1			1		2	40
Dunstable,	Levi Brigham,	March 15, 1837	30	71	101	8	6		6	3	1		4		1	155
Fitchburg, Calvinistic,	E W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	126	235	361		3	8	11	8	6		14	2	7	440
" Trinitarian,	George Trask,	1847														
Groton,	Dudley Phelps,	Oct. 19, 1836	101	136	237			3	3	7	4		11		4	150
Harvard,	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	99	145	23	1	2	3	4	6		10	1	2	150
Lancaster,	C. Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	17	48	65	17		1	1	1	9	1	11		2	100
Leominster,	O. G. Hubbard,	May 23, 1833	46	106	152	15	4	1	5	3	3	2	8	1	7	260
Littleton,	J. M. Bacon,	Oct. 8, 1846	18	31	49	12	5		5	1	2		3	1	1	62
Lunenburg,	A Boutelle,	Jan. 10, 1849	23	62	85	9	1	8	9	1	3		4		1	90
Pepperell,	David Andrews,	Jan. 29, 1840	124	205	329	58		2	2	6	2		8		6	350
Shirley,	J. M. R. Eaton,	July 6, 1847	19	47	66	26	3	4	7	1	6		7	2	1	105
Townsend,	L. H. Sheldon,	Aug. 1, 1844	112	219	331		3	6	9	9	5		14	1	5	285
Westford,	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1829	52	98	150		2	2	4	7	5		12	1	2	150
Total, 16	16		885	1588	2473	212	29	40	69	64	55	3	122	9	45	2662

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. W. Harrington, Lunenburg.

16. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Abington, 1st,	J. W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	44	68	112	15		1	1	1			1		1	170
" 2d,	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842	53	103	156											200
" 3d,	H. D. Walker,	Feb. 15, 1844	33	74	107		3		3	1		1	2	2	3	250
" North,	Willard Pierce,	April. 8, 1840	41	59	100											200
Berkley, Tr. cong. ch.	L. R. Eastman,	Stated supply.	9	18	27			1	1							60
Braintree, 1st,	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	48	130	178					6		1	7		5	150
" South,	Wm. B. Hammond,		30	44	74											130
" and Weymouth,	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	71	114	185	21	2	1	3	6	1		7		3	150
Canton,	Vacant,		8	27	35											50
Cohasset, 2d ch.	F. A. Reed,	March, 1848	17	76	93		6	5	11	1		1	2		3	100
Dedham, South,	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	40	82	122											100
Dorchester, 2d ch.	James H. Means,	July 13, 1848	90	225	315	65	7	6	13	1	8		9		8	200
" Village,	David Dyer,	April 9, 1845	41	152	193	51	2	4	6		9		9		2	125
Easton,	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	40	94	134			1	1		1		1		1	130
Hanover,	A. G. Duncan,	Aug. 23, 1833	16	52	68											80
Hanson,	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	10	48	58											
Hingham, Evang. ch.	E. Porter Dyer,	Jan. 4, 1849	4	9	13		2		2							60
Milton,	Vacant,															
" Railway,	S. W. Cozzens,	Stated supply	11	26	37			16	16	1	4		5		3	70
North Bridgewater,	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	96	132	228		1	2	3	8	1		9		1	250
" South ch.	D. Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	26	34	60	1	3		3					2		120
Quincy,	Wm. Allen,	Jan. 28, 1841	20	63	83											120
Randolph,	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	42	81	123					5			5		2	130
" East,	Wm. A. Peabody,	March 2, 1843	49	86	135					5	1		6		6	210
Scituate,	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 23, 1842	26	51	77	3	1	5	6	2	2		4			135
Sharon,	L. R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841	27	74	101			1	1	3			3		2	112
Stoughton,	Wm. Cornell,	Stated supply.	26	36	62			3	3	1			1		1	65
Weymouth, North,	Joshua Emery,	Jan 25, 1838	65	146	211	10	3	3	6	4	1		5	2		200
" South,	James P. Torrey,	July 6, 1848	14	58	72		2		2	4			4	2	4	100
" Union ch.	Willard M. Harding,	Nov. 17, 1847	14	33	47	1	15	4	19	1			1	10	3	175
Total, 30	28		1011	2195	3206	167	47	53	100	50	28	3	81	18	48	3847

17. OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tctal.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Dartmouth, South,	Wm. A. Mandell,	Nov. 11, 1846	29	84	113	30		1	1	1			1		4	100
Edgartown,	S B. Goodenow,	June 30, 1847	28	97	125	30	18	4	22	6			6	14	2	126
Fairhaven, 1st ch.	Jacob Roberts,	June 15, 1839	48	107	155	15				3		1	4			240
" Central ch.	Wm. Gould,	March 1, 1843														
	D. W. Poor,	March 1, 1843	39	85	124											
Middleboro', 1st ch.	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	50	150	200											
" 4 Corners,	Vacant,		14	24	38											
New Bedford, 1st ch.	D. C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	15	42	57	7									1	85
" North,	A. Eldridge,	Sept. 15, 1847	81	180	261			5	5	2	8	1	11			300
" South,	G. L. Prentiss,	April 9, 1845	38	76	114		2	6	8	2	3		5	1	3	125
" Pacific,	S. Holmes,	Dec. 4, 1844	32	56	88	5	1	6	7	2		1	3	1	5	100
Rochester, Centre,	J. Bigelow,	May 10, 1827	14	78	92											
" Mattapoisett,	I. C. Thatcher,	Dec. 25, 1844	55	104	159	11		2	2	7		1	8		2	125
" North,	Isaac Briggs,	1836	13	30	43											50
" South,	O. Cobb,	Feb. 5, 1799														
	L. Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1842	19	42	61											
Wareham,	Samuel Nott, Jr.	Aug. 5, 1829	34	93	127	6				3			3	1	2	
Total, 15	16		509	1248	1757	104	21	24	45	26	11	4	41	17	19	1251

Without Pastoral Charge.—James A. Roberts.

18. PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Kingston, 2d cong.	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	26	55	81	9	1	2	3	3		1	4	1	3	60
Marshfield, South,	Vacant,		22	35	57	10	2	1	3	2			2		4	90
" North,	Daniel D. Tappan,	Jan. 23, 1839	15	24	39										2	65
Plymouth, Manomet,	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	55	67	122	25	3		3	6			6	1	5	90
" Pilgrimage,	Charles S. Porter,	May 21, 1845	32	102	134			3	3	3			3		4	213
" Chiltonville,	Benjamin Whitmore,	June 1818	70	100	170			3	3	6	2		8		1	113
" Robinson,	Vacant,		15	48	63	1				1	1		2		3	60
Plympton,	Elijah Dexter,	Jan. 18, 1809	35	104	139			1	1	4	2		6		1	73
Total, 8	6		270	535	805	44	6	10	16	25	5	1	31	2	23	764

Without Pastoral Charge.—Freeman P. Howland, Hanson; Jonathan King, Abington; Emerson Paine, Halifax; Seneca White, Marshfield.

19. SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Boston, Old South ch.	G. W. Blagden,	Sept. 28, 1836	93	430	523		9	4	13	3			3	2	7	130
" Bowdoin-st.	J. B. Waterbury, D.D.	Sept. 1846	180	321	501											
" Central ch.	W. M. Rogers, George Richards,	Aug. 6, 1835 Oct. 8, 1845	148	312	460	67	5	18	23	3	25		28		15	550
" Ch. of the Pilgrims,	M. Hale Smith,	Oct. 18, 1846	113	233	346		40	35	75	3	3	1	7	15	5	207
" Maverick ch.	R. S. Hitchcock,	Nov. 18, 1846	52	98	150			10	10		3		3		7	360
Cambridge, 1st ch.	J. A. Albro, D. D.	April 15, 1835	54	144	198											
Cambridgeport,	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	68	150	218		10	4	14	2	5	1	8	2	4	150
East Cambridge,	F. T. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1843	18	41	59	9	5	7	12	2	2	1	5	2	7	100
Charlestown, 1st ch.	W. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	55	198	253		8		8	2	8		10	4	9	
" Winthrop ch	Benjamin Tappan, Jr.	Oct. 4, 1849	74	175	249	28	6	14	20	2	9		11	4	6	368
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	I. P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	86	154	240	39	10	20	30	3	17		20	6	11	550
Medford, 2d cong. ch.	Vacant,		55	113	168											
" Mystic ch.	A. B. Warner,	Oct. 27, 1847	25	56	81		11	7	18	1			1		2	125
Malden, 1st ch.	A. W. McClure,	Nov. 22, 1848	21	54	75	11	1	4	5	2	21		23	1	2	90
" Winthrop ch.	Vacant,		7	20	27		3		3					1		150
Newton, 1st ch.	D. L. Furber,	Dec. 1, 1847	40	80	120	17	13	2	15	1			1	6	3	117
" 2d ch.	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	41	58	99			10	10	5	4		9		1	110
" Eliot ch.	W. S. Leavitt,	Dec. 3, 1845	30	64	94	9	14	9	23	2	2		4	11	2	125
Waltham, Tr cong.ch.	J. Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1837	30	120	150											
Total, 19	18		1190	2821	4011	180	135	144	279	31	99	3	133	54	81	3164

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. Anderson, D. D., S. Bliss, G. C. Beckwith, D. Clark, J Curtis, A. Bullard, Wm. Jenks, D. D., H. Winslow, W. Bushnell. A. R. Baker, J. Guernsey, Aaron Warner, W. M. Cornell.

20. SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Aaults	Infants	Sch.
Boston, Park-st. ch.	Andrew S. Stone,	Jan. 25, 1849	122	329	451				11							
" Essex-st.	N. Adams, D. D.	March 26, 1834	127	439	566		16	13	29	4	32		36	2	10	300
" Salem-st.	E. Beecher, D. D.	March 13, 1844	163	339	502		16	23	39	3	10	1	14			405
" Pine-st.	Henry M. Dexter,	April. 18, 1849	91	168	259		2	4	6		17	1	18			256
" Mt. Vernon,	Edward N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	166	365	531		15	35	50	3	27	3	33	2	17	344
" Mariners,	George W. Bourne,	Feb. 15, 1849			60		3	4	7	3		7	10	2	4	
" Shawmut,	Vacant,		37	75	112			16	16		6		6		4	274
" Phillips,	John W. Alvord,	Nov. 4, 1846	76	149	225	44	30	19	49	5	13	2	20	10	4	208
Brighton,	Arthur Swazey,	Oct. 6, 1847	43	92	135			2	2	1	2	3	6		9	120
Brookline,	Joseph Haven, Jr.	Dec. 31, 1846	28	34	62		6	5	11	1			1	1	3	
Dedham, 1st ch.	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	54	190	244		4	11	15	5	8		13	4	1	125
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	A. C. Thompson,	July 22, 1842	83	143	226		7	11	18	5	11		16	3	20	230
" West,	Christopher Marsh,	May 17, 1837	19	50	69	1	2		2	1	1		2		5	90
Walpole,	Vacant,		33	107	140	20				3			3			150
Total, 14	12		1042	2480	3582	65	101	143	255	34	127	17	178	24	77	2502

Without Pastoral Charge.—Joseph S. Clark, Louis Dwight, Samuel H. Riddell, Selah B. Treat, Jonathan E. Woodbridge, and George A. Oviatt, Boston; Jacob Abbott, New York; S. Lamson, Nashua, N. H.; David Greene, Westboro'; E. P. Sperry, Austin Phelps, and Charles Rich, Andover.

21. TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	
Attleboro',	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836	59	187	246	28	47	2	49	8	10		18	23	2	300
" West,	J. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	48	84	132		3	3	6		2		2	2	1	125
Berkley,	N. Richardson,	Stated supply.	48	79	127	23				3	1		4		6	60
" 2d,	L. R. Eastman,	Stated supply.	9	17	26			1	1							60
Bridgewater,	Stetson Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837														
Dighton,	Preston Cummings,	Stated supply.	21	33	54	8				1	3		4		2	50
Fall River, 1st ch.	O. Fowler,	July 7, 1831	52	144	196		3	1	4	2	14	2	18		6	300
" Central,	Eli Thurston,	March, 1849	39	90	129	8		5	5	2			2		3	240
Freetown,	S. Woodbury,	Stated supply.														
Halifax,	E. Sanford,	Sept. 12, 1847	14	31	45		6	1	7	2			2	2	1	81
Middleboro', North,	P. Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	43	99	142					2		1	3			100
" West,	Jesse K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	47	80	127		2		2	2	3		5	1		115
Norton,	William Barrows,	Sept. 4, 1845	50	84	134		15	4	19	4	3		7	8	3	170
Pawtucket,	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	52	167	219			1	1	3	2		5		6	270
Raynham,	Robert Carver,	Dec. 1, 1847	41	100	141	49		3	3	2	2		4			125
Rehoboth,	C. P. Grosvenor,	Stated supply.	17	64	81			1	1	2			2		2	100
Seekonk,	James O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	33	77	110					3	2	1	6		3	100
Taunton, West,	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	26	59	85	15				1			1		3	85
" Trin. ch.	Erastus Maltby,	June 18, 1826	78	224	302	48	9	5	14	6	5		11	2	4	255
" Spring-st. ch.	S. H. Emery,	Nov. 23, 1837	41	79	120	29	1	5	6		2		2		3	150
Total, 20	20		718	1698	2416	208	86	32	118	43	49	4	96	38	45	2686

22. VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infant.	
Barnstable, West,	Alonzo Hayes,	March, 1843	23	44	67	6	2		2	3	2		5	1	2	80
" Centreville,	E. Bacon,	Stated supply.	31	59	90		1		1		4		4			75
Chilmark,	Vacant,		4	24	28	1				1	1		2			
Dennis, South,	R. Tolman,	May 1849	38	83	121		8		8					4		160
Falmouth, 1st ch.	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 22, 1837	67	132	199		1	3	4	2	4		6	1	6	275
" East,	S. S. Hyde,	Dec. 8, 1847	16	18	34					4	17*		21		3	50
" North,	L. Rood,	Stated supply.	31	44	75	12		3	3	1	1		2			52
Marshpee,	P. Fish,	Sept. 1810	6	20	26											
Sandwich,	E. Wells,	July, 1847	37	83	120		3	8	11	3	1		4		13	115
" Monument,	J Garland,	June, 1848	13	35	48	12									2	70
Tisbury, Holmes Hole	W. Fyvie,	Stated supply.	4	16	20	1										60
" West,	H. Van Houten,	Stated supply.	19	37	56											35
Yarmouth, South,	A. Cobb,	Stated supply.	8	50	58							1	1			40
Total, 13	12		316	648	964	20	15	11	26	13	29	1	43	6	26	960

* Dismissed to be organized in a new church.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Giles Pease, Sandwich; E. Chase, West Tisbury.

23. WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Bedford,	Oren Sikes,	June 3, 1846	49	107	156	35	2		2	3	4		7	1	5	130
Billerica,	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	9	38	47	16	2		2						1	50
Burlington,	David Garland,	Stated supply.	19	37	56					3			3		1	
Carlisle,	S. W. Banister,	May 27, 1848	13	40	53			3	3						2	70
Melrose,	Stillman Pratt,	May, 17, 1849	7	10	17			17	17	1	1		2			40
Reading,	Aaron Pickett,	Sept. 25, 1833														
" North,	E. W. Allen,	May 17, 1843	22	52	74	11	1		1					1	1	179
South Reading,	Reuben Emerson,	Oct. 1804														
	Alfred Emerson,	Oct. 15, 1845														
Stoneham,	John Haven,	Feb. 24, 1841	29	74	103	9				1		3	4			125
West Cambridge,	Francis Horton,	May 17, 1843	20	48	68	13	2	3	5		4		4	1	3	80
Wilmington,	B. M Fay,	1845	22	60	82					6	1		7	1	5	100
Woburn, 1st cong. ch	Jonathan Edwards,	Sept. 7, 1848	158	278	436	75		3	3	10	13	1	24		7	287
Total, 12	13		388	744	1132	149	7	26	33	24	23	4	51	4	25	1061

24. WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	Sch.
Auburn,	Vacant,		74	121	195			2	2	5	2		7		3	150
Barre,	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	61	114	175					5	1		6		1	140
Berlin,	Henry Adams,	Oct. 25, 1843	38	70	108		1	1	2	3			3		3	140
Boylston,	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	54	83	137	22	2		2	2	2		4		1	150
Holden,	Wm. P. Paine,	Oct. 24, 1833	124	234	358			3	3	7	7		14			300
Lancaster, (Clinton-ville.)	Wm. H. Corning,	Dec. 8, 1847	39	67	106		2	17	19		7		7			138
Leicester,	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	71	129	200	9	5	13	18	4	4		8	1	13	212
Northboro',	Wm. A. Houghton,	July 5, 1843	15	70	85		1		1	1	3		4		3	120
Oxford,	Horatio Bardwell,	June 8, 1836	75	172	247	63		4	4	4	4		8			240
Paxton,	Wm. Phipps,	Nov. 11, 1840	36	104	140	16		1	1	4	10		14		7	185
Princeton,	Alfred Goldsmith,	July 16, 1845	58	119	177			2	2	1	3		4		3	125
Rutland,	Daniel R. Cady,	Oct. 29, 1845	94	191	285	52	2	2	4	5	7		12	2	5	180
Shrewsbury,	N. W. Williams,	Feb. 28, 1849	111	167	278		64	9	73	11	9		20	24		175
West Boylston,	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	84	194	278	25	47	12	59	6	12		18	27	14	300
Worcester, 1st par.	George P. Smith,	March 19, 1845	106	222	328	25	4	16	20	9	20*		29	1	11	380
" Calvinist,	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	103	218	321	49	2	17	19	8	33*		41		10	200
" Union,	Elam Smalley,	Sept. 19, 1838	151	239	390	59	2	18	20	7	82*		89	2	5	375
Total, 17	16		1294	2514	3808	320	132	117	249	82	206		288	57	77	3510

* In part to form a new church.

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, and Rodney A. Miller, Worcester; Isaac R. Worcester, Leicester; M. G. Pratt, Auburn; James Averill, Shrewsbury; Jonathan Longley, Northbridge.

25. WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Parishes.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
			Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Ashburnham,	Elnathan Davis,	Sept. 15, 1846	67	154	221											
" North,	A. A. Whitmore,	Oct. 18, 1848	27	37	64	6					4		4			80
Athol,	R. M. Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	62	101	163	26	1	1	2	2	8		10	1	1	
Gardner, 1st,	John C. Paine,	Jan. 12, 1848	19	23	42		1	2	3						1	100
" 2d,	W. B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1842	58	88	146	20		3	3		2		2		1	180
Hubbardston,	D. B. Bradford,	June 17, 1846	60	124	184		1	3	4	5	1		6		3	125
New Salem,	W. H. Hayward,	Aug. 23, 1843	7	14	21			5	5							45
Orange, North,	S. D. Darling,	Stated supply.	7	14	21		3	3	6			1	1	2		35
Petersham,	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	26	52	78	8		4	4		1		1		7	140
Phillipston,	A. E. P. Perkins,	Sept. 18, 1844	63	124	187	26		1	1	6	1		7		1	220
Royalston, 1st ch.	N. Hazen,	March 24, 1847	49	98	147		4	2	6	5	4		9	2	3	200
" South,	Wm. H. Willcox,	Stated supply.	31	42	73	11		2	2		7	1	8			83
Templeton,	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	41	72	113	15	1	2	3	1	5	1	7	1	2	160
Westminster,	S. S. Smith,	Nov. 10, 1841	100	222	322		26	7	33	4	4	4	12	8	3	250
Winchendon, 1st ch.	John Storrs,	Stated supply.	31	67	98	2		5	5	2	2		4		3	60
" North,	A. P. Marvin,	Jan. 10, 1844	34	72	106	11	12	3	15		2		2	3	1	130
Total, 16	15		682	1304	1986	125	49	43	92	25	41	7	75	17	26	1808

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. Perkins, Royalston; A. Lovell, Westboro'; S. H. Peckham, Lunenburg; J. D. Crosby, Ashburnham; J. H. M. Leland.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chs.	Pastors.	Stated supplies.	Vacant chhs.	Min rs without charg .	Churches, Jan. 1, 1849.				Admissions in 1848.			Removals in 1848.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover,	16	14	2	1	4	859	2,661	3,520	107	19	95	114	30	57	3	90	6	40	2,663
Berkshire,	34	28	2	6	12	1,519	3,028	4,776	419	79	85	164	67	77	3	146	31	78	3,598
Brewster,	10	5	3	2	3	346	795	1,141	7	5	5	10	26	7	1	34	3	24	1,093
Brookfield,	17	15	2	1	1	757	1,759	2,629	291	44	48	92	52	53	9	114	22	75	2,969
Essex North,	24	17	3	5		861	1,910	2,771	70	31	20	51	40	16	8	64	9	40	2,354
Essex South,	26	22	3	1		1,115	2,857	3,972	62	33	54	87	59	19	8	86	9	90	3,573
Franklin,	28	20	7	3	5	893	1,659	2,552	250	133	93	226	56	97	4	158	46	91	3,073
Hampden East,	17	14	2	1	3	740	1,506	2,246	107	65	115	180	43	64	7	114	25	39	1,925
Hampden West,	15	9	6		2	512	1,131	1,643	108	40	39	79	23	47	2	72	13	28	1,403
Hampshire,	18	16	1	2	5	1,222	2,103	3,325	103	97	80	177	60	100		160	39	78	2,023
Hampshire East,	17	13		4	7	1,002	1,846	2,848	340	144	56	200	53	86	3	142	46	80	1,914
Harmony,	16	15	1		2	730	1,621	2,351	368	55	71	126	52	84	6	140	34	54	3,002
Mendon,	13	11	2	1		447	1,139	1.586	95	81	30	111	35	36	1	72	37	63	1,521
Middlesex South,	13	10	1	2		485	1,113	1,598	109	23	19	50	21	19	2	41	3	30	2,015
Middlesex Union,	16	16			1	885	1,588	2,473	212	29	40	69	64	55	3	122	9	45	2,662
Norfolk,	30	25	3	2	4	1,011	2,195	3 206	167	47	53	100	50	28	3	81	18	48	3,847
Old Colony,	15	16		1	1	509	1,248	1,757	104	21	24	45	26	11	4	41	17	19	1,251
Pilgrim,	8	6		2	4	270	535	805	44	6	10	16	25	5	1	31	2	23	764
Suffolk North,	19	18		2	13	1,190	2,821	4,011	180	135	144	279	31	99	3	132	54	81	3,164
Suffolk South,	14	12		2	12	1,042	2,480	3,582	65	101	143	255	34	127	17	178	24	77	2,502
Taunton,	20	15	5			718	1,698	2,416	208	86	32	118	43	49	4	96	38	45	2,686
Vineyard Sound,	13	7	5	1	2	316	648	964	20	15	11	26	13	29	1	43	6	26	960
Woburn,	12	12	1			388	744	1,132	149	7	26	33	24	23	4	51	4	25	1,061
Worcester Central,	17	16		1	6	1,294	2,514	3,808	320	132	117	249	82	206		288	57	77	3,510
Worcester North,	16	13	3		5	682	1,304	1,986	125	49	43	92	25	41	7	73	17	26	1,808
Total, 25	444	363	52	40	92	19,793	42,903	63,098	4,030	1,477	1,453	2,949	1,034	1,435	104	2,573	569	1,302	57,641

REMARKS ON THE PRECEDING TABLES.

The Publishing Committee are able to report only an *approximation* toward an accurate statistical return of our Churches. While some few of the tables sent in from the local Associations were full and complete, even to the footing up of the totals at the bottom of the columns, more were very defective; and some of them ridiculously meagre. After some delay, occasioned by sending out seventy-four circulars to churches which were unreported, to only *thirty* of which replies were obtained, the Committee were obliged to proceed with what information could be procured from other quarters. Some thirty churches are reported, in respect to the number of members, as they stood in the tables last year. A few, from whom no returns had been received for two years, are left in blank. It is much to be lamented, that there should be so much remissness in this matter. Every minister, having the care of a church, *ought* to have the items required in the tables, were it only for his own knowledge and satisfaction. And *having* those items, without which he cannot know the actual state of his flock, it is but little trouble to send them in to the General Association. No minister who neglects to do this, ought to regard himself as a workman needing not to be ashamed. He is certainly no business man.

This year reports two churches more than the last. There is quite a number of churches in the Commonwealth, some of them among the largest, as at Nantucket, South Woburn, and others, which are not enrolled in any of the tables. If the members of these, and the other unreported churches, could be ascertained, they would swell the totals on the general summary. The whole number of our church-members must exceed sixty-seven thousand.

The statistical returns this year contain, for the first time, a column for non-resident members. By another year, it is to be hoped that this column will not be left so meagrely supplied with numerals as it is in most of the returns, provided there are any such members to report.

The average length of the pastoral office is *eleven* years. The average number of members to a church is one hundred and fifty.

A list of the Scribes of the several district Associations is this year added to the Minutes for the first time. If the times of all the stated meetings of these bodies could be given, it would be a great convenience to persons having business to transact with them. It is to be hoped that this may be accomplished by another year.

SCRIBES OR REGISTERS OF THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS.

General Association,	Rev. T. Snell, D. D., *North Brookfield.*
Andover Association,	J. L. Taylor, *Andover.*
Berkshire,	J. Jay Dana, *South Adams.*
Brewster,	George Goodyear, *Truro.*
Brookfield,	E. Carpenter, *Southbridge.*
Essex North,	D. T. Kimball, *Ipswich.*
Essex South,	J. Taylor, *Wenham.*
Franklin,	T. Packard, Jr., *Shelburne.*
Hampden East,	E. B. Clark, *Chicopee.*
Hampden West,	E. Davis, D. D., *Westfield.*
Hampshire,	J. S. Judd, *Whately.*
Hampshire East,	R. Ayers, *Hadley.*
Harmony,	W. Bates, *Northbridge.*
Mendon,	Tyler Thacher, *North Wrentham.*
Middlesex South,	B. G. Northrup, *Saxonville.*
Middlesex Union,	O. G. Hubbard, *Leominster.*
Norfolk,	W. A. Peabody, *East Randolph.*
Old Colony,	I. C. Thacher, *Middleboro', Four Corners.*
Pilgrim,	J. Peckham, *Kingston.*
Suffolk North,	W. I. Budington, *Charlestown.*
Suffolk South,	J. W. Alvord, *Boston.*
Taunton,	W. Barrows, *Norton.*
Vineyard Sound,	A. Cobb, *North Falmouth.*
Woburn,	B. M. Fay, *Wilmington.*
Worcester Central,	G. P. Smith, *Worcester.*
Worcester North,	A. E. P. Perkins, *Phillipston.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies, in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary, and the minister of the church where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary, or by a temporary Scribe; and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe, by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a Committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members, shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us are, that this Association, and each

body connected with it, shall annually appoint Delegates to the other, which shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting, and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The several Associations shall have the offer of receiving, in rotation, the annual meeting of the General Association, and each one, in turn, shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, which shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association.

A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies, with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.
2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.
3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.
4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.
5. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be Primaries or Substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.
6. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.
7. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.
8. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.
9. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

APPENDIX.

The order in which the several Associations shall have the offer of receiving the Annual Meeting of the General Association, commencing with the Suffolk North in 1848.

Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Mendon,
Andover,
Brewster,
Taunton,
Hampshire,
Essex South,
Hampshire East,
Norfolk,
Berkshire,
Middlesex South,
Brookfield,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Hampden East,
Essex North,
Hampden West,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Woburn,
Worcester North,
Middlesex Union,
Worcester Central.

The order in which the several Associations shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, commencing with the Worcester Central, in 1848.

Worcester Central,
Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Essex South,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Mendon,
Hampden East,
Brookfield,
Hampden West,
Middlesex South,
Norfolk,
Hampshire,
Hampshire East,
Worcester North,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Taunton,
Middlesex Union,
Woburn,
Essex North,
Brewster,
Andover,
Berkshire.

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The General Association of Massachusetts convened in the Congregational Meeting-house, at Sandwich, June 25th, 1850, at 5 o'clock, P. M. The delegates were called to order by the Rev. E. Wells, pastor of the Church, and Rev. E. Maltby was chosen Scribe, *pro tem.*

Delegates.

The following persons presented certificates of their election as delegates from the district Associations, viz :—

Andover Association,	Rev. J. L. Taylor.
Berkshire Association,	Rev. J. Jay Dana, Rev. George R. Entler.
Brewster Association,	Rev. Nathaniel Cogswell, Rev. E. W. Noble.
Brookfield Association,	Rev. Eber Carpenter, Rev. D. R. Austin.
Essex North Association,	Rev. John Pike, Rev. Daniel T. Fisk.
Essex South Association,	Rev. Anson McLoud, Rev. George T. Dole.
Franklin Association,	Rev. Samuel Harris, Rev. John Eastman.
Hampden East Association,	Rev. S. G. Buckingham, Rev. S. S. N. Greely.

Hampden West Association,	Rev. Emerson Davis, D. D.
Hampshire Association,	Rev. John H. Bisbee, Rev. J. Howard Temple.
Hampshire East Association,	None.
Harmony Association,	Rev. Lorenzo Carey, Rev. William Bates.
Mendon Association,	Rev. Sewall Harding, Rev. Tyler Thacher.
Middlesex South Association,	Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Rev. B. G. Northrup.
Middlesex Union Association,	Rev. Levi Brigham.
Norfolk Association,	Rev. Calvin Durfee, Rev. Paul Couch.
Old Colony Association,	Rev. William A. Mandell, Rev. Isaac Briggs.
Pilgrim Association,	Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, Rev. Elijah Dexter.
Suffolk North Association,	Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D., Rev. William A. Stearns.
Suffolk South Association,	Rev. J. W. Alvord, Rev. Arthur Swazey.
Taunton Association,	Rev. Alvan Cobb.
Vineyard Sound Asso.	Rev. Phineas Fish, Rev. S. S. Hyde.
Woburn Association,	Rev. H. G. Park, Rev. E. W. Allen.
Worcester Central Asso.	Rev. William A. Houghton, Rev. Amos Bullard.
Worcester North Asso.	Rev. D. B. Bradford, Rev. A. E. P. Perkins.
Mass. Home Miss. Society,	Rev. E. Maltby, Rev. Joseph S. Clark.

Ex-Officio.

Rev. T. Snell, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. E. Wells, Pastor of the Church in Sandwich.

Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

The following individuals appeared as delegates from Foreign Bodies, viz :—

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Nathaniel Hewit, D. D.

Congregational Union of Canada East, Rev. F. H. Marling.

General Association of Illinois, Rev. Hope Brown.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Thomas Shepard.

General Association of Michigan, Rev. E. M. Bartlett.

Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. S. W. Eaton.

Honorary Members.

Late delegate to the Congregational Union of Canada East, Rev. David Dyer.

Late delegate to the General Assembly. O. S., Rev. A. W. McClure.

From Illinois, Rev. L. H. Parker.

Organization.

The Rev. Emerson Davis, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Rev. Paul Couch, Scribe; and Rev. J. Jay Dana, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the Rules of the Association were read.

Committees.

The following Committees were chosen, viz :—

On Elections,—Rev. Messrs. Bisbee, Cobb and Austin.

Of Arrangements,—Rev. Messrs. Wells, Snell and Taylor.

On Nominations,—Rev. Messrs. Maltby, Temple and Eastman.

On Accounts,—Rev. Messrs. Harding and Harris.

Of Publication,—Rev. Messrs. J. S. Clark, Couch and Dyer.

To prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion,—Rev. Messrs. Waterbury, Bisbee, Shepard, S. W. Eaton, and S. S. Hyde.

Voted, That the morning sessions of this Body commence at 8 o'clock, the afternoon sessions at 2½ o'clock, and the evening sessions at 7¾ o'clock.

After uniting in prayer with the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The Association listened in the evening to a sermon by Rev. Dr. Hewit, from Psalm c : 3.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. The Association came to order. The roll was called, and the minutes read. Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

The Association had a season of devotional exercises.

A special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Durfee, Austin, Bradford, Cobb and Entler, was appointed to nominate the delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Voted, That the election of Secretary be the special order of the day for tomorrow, at 9 A. M.

Agency for distributing the Minutes.

Voted, That Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, Boston, be our Agents, to print and distribute the Minutes of this Body for 1850.

Place of next Meeting.

Voted, That our next meeting be held at Wrentham, in the Mendon Association.

Preacher for next Year.

Voted, That the Vineyard Sound Association appoint the preacher for the next Association.

Pastoral Address.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Smith, Neill and Turner, of Berkshire Association, be appointed to prepare the Pastoral Letter for 1851.

Reports of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

The Rev. David Dyer reported, that he attended the last meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada East.

The Rev. J. S. Clark reported, that he wrote to the Oregon Association of Congregational and Presbyterian brethren, and read an answer from that Body.

The Rev. E. Smalley, D. D., reported by letter, that he attended the General Association of Michigan.

The Rev. A. W. McClure reported, that he attended the last General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, O. S., and stated that he presented to that Body the action of this Association in relation to the subject of Slavery. He also communicated the following resolution from that Assembly, viz:

"*Resolved*, That our delegate to the next General Association of Massachusetts, be directed to inform that venerable Body, that this General Assembly must consider itself the best judge of the action which it is necessary to take as to all the objects within its jurisdiction, and that any interference on the part of that General Association with its action upon any subject upon which this General Assembly has taken order, is offensive, and must lead to an interruption of the correspondence which subsists between that Association and this Assembly."

This resolution was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Stearns, Perkins, Carpenter, Buckingham and Noble, with instructions to report tomorrow.

The Rev. E. W. Tucker, of Chatham, read the Pastoral Address, which was approved and ordered to be printed.

Preacher on Home Missions.

The Rev. Robert McEwen, of Enfield, was appointed the next preacher on Home Missions, and the Rev. Charles S. Porter, of Plymouth, his substitute.

The following preamble and resolution were passed:—

Whereas the Rev. Hope Brown has appeared on this floor as a delegate from the General Congregational Association of Illinois, with a request that a correspondence be opened with that Body, therefore,

Resolved, That the request be complied with, and that delegates be appointed to that Body.

Voted, That hereafter the Statistical returns from the several Associations include the date of the organization of each church.

The Committee appointed last year to consider the Memorial from Berkshire Association reported against the same, and their report was accepted, and the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned till 2½ o'clock.

At 2½ o'clock, the Association re-assembled, and, after uniting in prayer with the Rev. Mr. Bisbee, listened to reports on the state of Religion in this Commonwealth and those portions of our land embraced within the ecclesiastical bodies represented in this Body.

The following preamble and resolutions were passed :—

Whereas it has pleased the great Head of the Church to pour out his Holy Spirit on a large number of the churches of this Commonwealth, therefore,

Resolved, That it becomes us to acknowledge with lively emotious of gratitude these signal displays of divine grace, and to render hearty thanks to the Most High for these exhibitions of his power.

Resolved, That we see abundant reasons for encouragement in the prosecution of our labors, as ministers of Jesus, and for renewed confidence that God will pour out his Spirit in connection with the ordinary means of grace.

After uniting in prayer with the Rev. Mr. Maltby, the Association adjourned till 7¾ o'clock.

7¾ *o'clock.* The Association listened to a Sermon on Home Missions, by the Rev. Samuel Harris of Conway, from 2 Cor. x : 4; after which a collection was taken up, amounting to $17 50.

Adjourned till Thursday, 8 A. M.

Thursday, 8 *o'clock*, *A. M.* The Association met. After prayer by the Moderator, the roll was called, and the minutes were read. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises.

Choice of Secretary.

The Rev. E. Davis, D. D., was elected Secretary.

The Association then passed the following preamble and resolution :—

Whereas the Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., who has for twenty-five years served this Body as Secretary, declines a re-election, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be given to Dr. Snell, for the faithful manner in which he has so long discharged the duties of his office.

The Rev. Eber Carpenter was appointed to transfer the books, papers, etc., of this Association, from Dr. Snell to Dr. Davis.

Report on the O. S. General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to consider the Resolution of the O. S. General Assembly, made a report, which, after a full discussion and a recommitment for amendment, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) in session at Cincinnati, May 27th, 1850, and also the resolutions of Rev. Mr. McClure respecting the same, have carefully considered the subject submitted to them, and ask leave to report.

The subject submitted seems to your Committee to be a subject of great delicacy, and one which involves the most important consequences. The leading facts connected with it are these. The General Assembly of Massachusetts, at its annual meeting in 1849, adopted a resolution, touching the subject of slavery within the bounds of the General Assemblies in these words:

Resolved, That in maintaining correspondence and connection with the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, we look with deep and fraternal solicitude upon the position of those bodies with respect to the sin of slavery; that our strong sympathies are with such brethren, in those Assemblies, as are laboring, in an earnest and Christian spirit, to put an end to this evil; and that we desire our delegates to those Assemblies, in a decided but courteous manner, to express our deep conviction, that the rights of the enslaved, the cause of true religion, and the honor of the great Head of the Church, require those Ecclesiastical Bodies to use all their legitimate power and influence, for the speedy removal of slavery from the churches under their supervision.

This resolution was presented by our delegate to the General Assembly, at its meeting in May last, with such remarks as he considered pertinent to the subject entrusted to him. Near the close of the meeting, the General Assembly passed a resolution in the following words:

"That our delegate to the next General Association of Massachusetts, be directed to inform that venerable body, that this General Assembly must consider itself the best judge of the action which it is necessary for it to take as to all subjects within its jurisdiction; and that any interference on the part of that General Association with its action upon any subject upon which this General Assembly has taken action, is offensive, and must lead to an interruption of the correspondence which subsists between that Association and the General Assembly."

The delegate appointed by the Assembly having declined his appointment, a motion to elect a person in his stead was laid on the table, and thus no delegate was commissioned from that body to this.

Should this body put an extreme construction on the action of the General Assembly, and respond to them on the principle of worldly resentment, it might perhaps be justified in retaliatory measures of suspended intercourse. But in the exercise of that charity which hopeth all things, your Committee are unwilling to believe that a summary disruption of the fraternal relations which have long existed between these two Christian bodies was intended or desired by the Assembly. Saying, as they do, that a certain "*contingency must lead*" to an interruption of the correspondence,—implying that the resolution itself was not considered by them as a disruptive act—the instruction given to their delegate to present the resolution to this body, certainly indicates an expectation that the accustomed relations were to be continued. It is true that the delegate to this body, after receiving these instructions, declined his appointment, and that a motion to fill the vacancy was laid on the table. But this act of the delegate was not an act of the Assembly, nor was the motion to lay on the table made, as we understand in the hurry of affairs, just at the close of the session, necessarily an adverse motion. While, therefore, your Committee cannot but feel surprised and grieved at this resolution, thinking it uncalled for, and not in full accordance with those kind reciprocities, which are usually allowed between friendly Christian bodies, they are not prepared to recommend any measures, which shall by any possible misconstruction throw the responsibility of interrupted intercourse in any degree upon us. And while we cannot confess to their imputation of unjustifiable interference, we think it would be honorable in this body, to act rather in remembrance of past friendship, and in accordance

with Christian conciliation, than from any momentary dissatisfaction with our brethren, on account of what might possibly be considered an adverse act.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we should deeply deplore at any time, and especially in the present distracted state of our public affairs, any interruption of that mutual correspondence and Christian sympathy, which has long subsisted between the General Association of Massachusetts, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Resolved, 2. That while we desire to treat our brethren with the utmost kindness, and could not feel it our duty to press any subject upon them with *undue* pertinacity, we cannot doubt that in the instructions, relating to the subject of Slavery, given at our last session at Roxbury to our delegates to the General Assembly, this body exercised a plain and undoubted right of all bodies in friendly correspondence—the mutual right, kindly and respectfully to call the attention of such bodies to any evil which may be thought seriously to affect their character and influence—a right, the denial of which must reduce all correspondence to an unmeaning and worthless formality.

Resolved, 3. That while we receive this resolution with surprise and regret, being unwilling to suspend the friendly correspondence that has so long existed between us, and being in doubt, whether the action of the General Assembly was designed to do this, we wait to be informed of their meaning, and when the usual delegation is sent to us it shall be kindly received and cheerfully reciprocated.

Resolved, 4. That this action of our body be communicated by our Secretary to the Moderator of the General Assembly, to meet at St. Louis, in 1851.

Messrs. Crocker and Brewster presented an account against the Association for $128 50, which was ordered to be paid.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, asked leave to nominate two Delegates to the Congregational Union of Canada East, and leave was granted.

Rev. Dr. Waterbury, in behalf of the Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion, made a report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Addresses in behalf of Benevolent Societies.

The Rev. Baxter Dickinson, D. D., addressed the Association on the subject of American and Foreign Christian Union;

Rev. F. H. Marling, spoke in behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society;

H. Hoyt, Esq., in behalf of the American Sunday School Union;

Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D., in behalf of the American Education Society;

Rev. S. Harding, in behalf of the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society;

Rev. W. A. Stearns, in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Treasurer's Account.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct, and that there is a balance of $9 20 in the Treasury. They recommended that the tax for the coming year be fifty cents for each member of the District Associations. This report was adopted.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

The Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed as follows:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.

Rev. Francis Horton, } Primaries.
Rev. G. C. Beckwith, }
Rev. Eber Carpenter, } Substitutes.
Rev. L. Carey, }

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. D. R. Austin, } Primaries.
Rev. John Pike, }
Rev. T. Snell, D. D., } Substitutes.
Rev. Paul Couch, }

To the General Association of Vermont.

Rev. Josiah Ballard, } Primaries.
Rev. Calvin Durfee, }
Rev. H. B. Hooker, } Substitutes.
Rev. D. B. Bradford, }

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Erastus Maltby, } Primaries.
Rev. J. T. Woodbury, }
Rev. S. S. N. Greely, } Substitutes.
Rev. L. S. Parker, }

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Robert S. Hitchcock, } Primaries.
Rev. George P. Smith, }
Rev. Alvan Cobb, } Substitutes.
Rev. L. Packard, }

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Oren Sikes, } Primaries.
Rev. B. Tappan, Jr., }
Rev. Arthur Swazey, } Substitutes.
Rev. G. R. Entler, }

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. Jonas Perkins, } Primaries.
Rev. Jonas Haven, Jr., }
Rev. Henry Neill, } Substitutes.
Rev. D. N. Coburn, }

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. G. C. Beckwith, } Primaries.
Rev. Morris E. White, }
Rev. Emerson Davis, D. D., } Substitutes.
Rev. Edward W. Noble, }

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. Sewall Harding, Primary.
Rev. William Bates, Substitute.

To the General Congregational Association of Illinois.

Rev. J. D. Farnsworth, Primary.
Rev. Edward Beecher, D. D., Substitute.

To the General Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. James H. Means, Primary.
Rev. John Todd, D. D., Substitute.

To the General Association of Oregon.

Rev. Tyler Thacher, Primary.
Rev. David Andrews, Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.

Rev. Robert Crawford, } Primaries.
Rev. David Sandford, }
Rev. G. W. Blagden, D. D., } Substitutes.
Rev. Amos Blanchard, }

To the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. Mark Hopkins, D. D., Primary.
Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, Substitute.

Adjourned till 2½ o'clock.

At 2½ o'clock, the Sacramental Sermon was preached by Rev. T. Shepard, from 1 Peter, iii : 15. The bread was distributed by Rev. C. Durfee, and the wine by Rev. E. Davis, D. D.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Association be presented to Rev. E. Wells and his congregation, for the use of their meeting-house during the present session, and for their Christian hospitality ; and to the Choir of Singers, for their acceptable services.

Mr. Wells was requested to communicate this vote to his people.

The foregoing Minutes were adopted, a Psalm was sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. S S. Hyde, and the Association adjourned.

E. DAVIS, *Moderator.*
P. COUCH, *Scribe.*
J. J. DANA, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

To give a satisfactory account of the state of religion within the bounds of the General Association, would require a fulness of detail inconsistent with the circumstances under which this narrative is prepared or heard.

Aiming then at brevity and condensation, we begin by saying, that the churches of our denomination in the Commonwealth, are generally in a state of outward prosperity. By this we mean, that the attendance is good; the ministry respected; houses of worship re-fitted or superceded by new ones; and even where no evidences exist of unusual awakenings, there is nevertheless a serious attention to the preached word. For this we are bound to thank God and take courage.

We may state, moreover, that a growing conviction is felt of the importance of permanency and constancy in the relation of pastor and people; it being now generally conceded, that a greater calamity could scarcely befal the churches than the frequent rupture of this sacred tie.

We have to record, and we do it with sorrow yet with resignation, that within the past year God has removed by death, from the sphere of their labors, several highly distinguished ministers and members of our Association. The language of this providence is, "By ye also ready."

We are happy to observe that attention to the religious culture of the young, is regarded as an object of great importance by the pastors; that Sabbath-school instruction is faithfully imparted and gratefully received; and that by these means the seed is being sown, which will be followed by "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." One of the most interesting revivals reported to the Association, seemed to have an immediate connection with faithful exhortations on the part of Sabbath-school teachers. It is more and more evident, that

Sabbath schools cannot be over-estimated in their influence as spheres of usefulness to private Christians, as auxiliaries to family government, and as nurseries to the Church of God. We are able to state, that throughout our churches, they are sustained, and in general are in a flourishing condition.

The cause of benevolence—embracing all the societies having for their object the extension of Christ's kingdom—seems to have received a cordial, and in some instances a liberal support; though it is to be feared that few give in proportion as God has blessed them.

It is a gratifying circumstance, ascertained through the reports of our delegates, that ministers have preached with plainness and fidelity the doctrines of grace as taught in the Bible, and as inculcated in our established creeds; repudiating the novelties which assume to be improvements on the ancient faith of our fathers. By such preaching, together with a simple dependence on the Spirit of God, revivals have taken place of a type similar to those which blessed the churches in former ages.

In regard to the vices of intemperance, Sabbath desecration, and licentiousness, whilst we would indulge the hope, that there is no perceptible augmentation of them, they are nevertheless still fearfully prevalent. A scrupulous regard to the virtues of temperance, chastity, and the sanctification of the Sabbath should characterize professing Christians; that example may combine with precept in recommending those virtues to others.

The most auspicious and delightful feature of the past year's experience, however, is the prevalence, after a long season of declension, of revivals of religion; reminding us of the contrast between those dreary years, under the reign of Ahab, when all nature languished for lack of moisture; and that cloud which the prophet descried from Carmel, and which poured its gladdening influences on the thirsty soil. God has indeed remembered Zion. The time to favor her seems to have come. The precious seed, sown so long in tears, has at length been reaped in joy. Many have come even bending under their sheaves. This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes. From all parts of the State nearly, the reports of revivals of religion are most animating. Had we time and space for the record of these wonderful works of God, as described by our delegates, it would draw forth tears of gratitude from many an eye which has looked longingly for the renewed visitations of the Spirit. They seem to have come under circumstances which leave no room for doubt that they are truly and emphatically the work of God's Spirit. They bear the pentecostal stamp.

The agency employed was no other than the regular ministrations of the sanctuary, accompanied in many instances by fervent prayer on the part of the church. Silent and deep have been the emotions of the convicted; and the sense of sin in many if not most instances has been apparently deep and pungent. Heads of families, together with the young of both sexes, have been included in these merciful visitations. These revivals, we are happy to learn, are to a considerable extent still in progress; and we trust that the cloud of mercy, hovering over our churches, will spread, until every portion of Zion shall be as a well-watered garden.

To mention *all* the towns where the grace of God has been thus signally displayed, would be inexpedient; but we cannot refrain from allusion to some of the most favored regions. Within the bounds of the Berkshire Association, great has been the power of God's Spirit in the conversion of souls. In the town of Adams alone, it is supposed that three hundred have been brought into the kingdom of Christ. In Essex North the work has not been less powerful; the population of whole towns being simultaneously affected. The churches within the bounds of the Taunton Association have likewise been sharers to a large extent in this blessed work of the Spirit, and many young men are reported to have consecrated themselves to the service of God, who, we hope, may become heralds of salvation to a lost world. In short, it has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" The sovereignty of God, as usual, has been signally displayed in these revivals. He has had mercy on whom He will have mercy. Some churches, with equal fidelity in the application of the means of grace, have had to mourn an apparent dereliction of the Spirit; whilst, by their side, others have been greatly refreshed. Let not these distinctions cause self-complacency in the one, nor despondency in the other. Let all lie at the footstool, and say, "Thou only art worthy." Let not even the most discouraging prospects make us weary in well-doing; for the promise is, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not;" and the command, accompanied by a still more glorious promise, is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren,—

In this our accustomed way we address you again on the great interests of the kingdom of Christ. We do so because of the deep concern we feel for his cause, as connected with both your usefulness on earth, and everlasting welfare in heaven. The people of God are called not only to seek a personal inheritance in heaven, but the advancement of the Redeemer's cause in the world. This latter, is their *great work*, after their conversion to God—perhaps, we may say, the only work for which he permits them to tarry on his footstool. He desires to employ them to advance the truth, to promote the spirit of Christianity, and so, to be the means, at length, of bringing all the world under subjection to Christ.

For each Christian to accomplish that part of the work assigned to him, requires all his heart, intellect, time and strength. This is to be his main work. Every thing he does should be subordinate to this.

The particular point to which we wish now to ask your attention, is that of your *commending the truth to every man's conscience in the sight of God.* This is what the apostle Paul said, he and some others did; and it is what every Christian should do, as that which is immeasurably important to the cause of Christ. By conscience, we mean, that in man which responds to moral rectitude, and thus distinguishes between right and wrong. With this arbiter in the soul, every man is judging of the actions of every other man, so far as they fall under his observation. It is in the recognition of this fact, that we are required to "hold forth the word of life;" to "walk in wisdom toward them who are without;" and to "Let our light

so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven."

Let us then notice, in a familiar manner, some of those ways in which we, as the disciples of Jesus, may commend the truth to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

1. We may do this *by carefulness to fulfil our engagements.* We often make promises one to another, and so excite expectations. Indeed we cannot do business of any kind without these being either expressed or implied. Now when such promises are broken by any individual, it is wrong; but when a professing Christian does this, the Holy Spirit is grieved, and the truth is dishonored. Does a man agree to meet you at a given time and place, and then disappoint you only because it was not convenient for him to keep his word? How greatly is your confidence in him weakened! And should he repeat the same thing, how will you know when to trust him! What reliance can you place on his profession of regard to the truth?

We know that there sometimes are, and will be, casualties which will make it impossible for a man to fulfil his engagements, however much he may desire. But this every man knows, and for it will make allowance. But, excepting such casualties, there is such a thing as a man's being known a man of his word. Some men, when they have made promises, will keep them, though it costs them ten-fold more than was anticipated. They will keep their word for truth's sake, for religion's sake, whatever inconvenience it may involve. There are others who make promises and mean to keep them; but when that is found more inconvenient than was anticipated, they sacrifice their word, and disappoint the expectations they raised. What injury is done to religion, when it is justly said of any professing Christian, "He is not a man of his word; you cannot depend on what he says." The psalmist inquired, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" The answer in part is, "He that sweareth to his own heart, and changeth not;" that is, he who meets the obligations he assumed, though personal suffering be the consequence. Let it not be said of the professed disciples of Jesus, that their word is no better than other men's. It ought to be better, and if it is not, religion is brought into disrepute.

2. We may commend the truth to every man's conscience *by carefulness in the contracting of debts.* Religion has often been wounded in the house of its friends by the contraction of debts which could not be cancelled. This may be thought by some a trifling matter, but it is not. Nothing is of small ac-

count that is injurious to religion. When a professing Christian recklessly incurs debts which he cannot pay, many will call him a dishonest man. And is he not dishonest? For a man to assume obligations of this kind, without apparent certainty that he can meet them, what is it but dishonesty? When an individual contracts a debt with property in his possession sufficient for security, or when from other causes it is his decided opinion he shall be able to meet the demand, the case is different. But when a man, for the sake of extending his business, or for any other consideration, augments his obligations, in doubt whether he shall be able to fulfil them, or without good expectation of doing so, is it not a species of dishonesty? Does he not run a risk of doing that which will result in as much harm to his neighbor as a theft? He may not *mean* to do this wrong; but he does it, and others suffer.

The cause of God often suffers in this way. Many a professing Christian has failed to pay what he honestly owed, and suffering has been the result. Others have felt that it was greediness after the world which led him to incur such debts; or that he was criminally careless; or perhaps that he was purposely dishonest. And such conduct in a Christian, is more observed, more thought of, and more talked of, than in other men.

We believe that men who are temperate and industrious, can, in this land of plenty, obtain a comfortable living without contracting debts in the risk of not being able to pay them. But when they do this, it looks as if more than a comfortable living was sought. "And they that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

3. We may commend the truth to every man's conscience, by *strict honesty and candor in business.*

A man's wish to get the best of a bargain is very often seen; and when discovered in a Christian, it wars against religion. For a man to speak only of the excellencies of that he wishes to sell, and to say nothing of its defects, is certainly a kind of deception closely allied to falsehood. Yet how commonly is this done! Solomon saw it in his days, and wrote: "It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer; but when he has gone his way, then he boasteth." Let Christians be careful always to speak of the defects as well as the excellencies of that they wish to sell, and the cause of God will be saved much reproach.

When you hear a man say: "Such a professing Christian deceived me; the article he sold me was not what he said it

was;" how religion suffers! Yet the disciples of Jesus are sometimes liable to do this, even when they do not mean to do wrong, or when they think they do not. They feel that custom in trade will justify them in doing so; that it belongs not to them to point out defects in their own goods; that their business is to mention excellencies; while the buyer may, if he can, find out faults. But this is not the way to be strictly honest. It is not the way in which two individuals, loving each other as they love themselves, would do. It is not according to the golden rule. And when a professing Christian does so, the gospel is hindered.

4. We may commend the truth to every man's conscience, *by a becoming generosity in business.*

By this we mean a spirit and practice opposed to that which many nurture, and which leads them to grasp after every mill they can get; to stand for the smallest pittance that is due. We may indeed have a right to do this, and no one may have just cause to complain. But it does not look well. It exhibits a sordid, niggardly disposition. It looks as if religion had not opened our hearts; had not broken our hold on the things of this world; had not yet rent mammon from our affections. The fact that a man has a *right* to all that is due to him, does not always alter the appearance of the thing in the view of the world. All know that the heirs of heaven should not be so grasping after the things of earth; and when any one is so, he does not, as he should, commend the truth. He thereby injures the cause of God.

To hear it said of a professing Christian, that he will stand for half a cent as long as any other man, makes a most unfavorable impression. The world takes advantage of it. A man had better suffer the inconvenience of losing a little than give occasion for such reproach. Let the lovers of this world show this spirit if they please, but let the heirs of heaven maintain the mind of Christ.

5. We may commend the truth to every man's conscience, *by always cherishing and showing a spirit of accommodation.*

Some men are far more willing to accommodate a neighbor than others. Some wish neither to borrow nor lend; or if they lend, it is with a reluctance which shows the favor was grudgingly bestowed. When this is discovered in a professing Christian, it is unfavorable to religion. To hear an individual say, "I had rather ask a favor of any one, than of such a professor," is painful to the friends of Zion.

A kind and obliging spirit in a Christian always commends

religion. We should always be careful to cherish it. It is a duty we owe to the truth and to Jesus. Its maintenance is a part of religion. To love, to oblige, to accommodate, is among the fruits of the Spirit. The world know this, and they look for its exhibition. And if they do not behold it, they will cast contempt on religion.

6. We may commend the truth to every man's conscience, *by always maintaining a control of our feelings.*

The good man, in his intercourse with the world, often has his spirit tried. Some are naturally of an excitable temperament, and it is with great difficulty they sometimes restrain their feelings. Some professing Christians are known to be sometimes passionate, and when in an excited state, to say and do things wholly contrary to the Spirit of Christ. In such cases the truth is not commended to the consciences of others; very far from it. Religion has been greatly harmed by a momentary yielding to passion. However much the world may be at fault, they know this is not Christ-like. They will reproach the man who professes godliness, and does not in patience possess his soul. And that reproach falls on religion.

We ought then, as those who love the Lord, to be careful on this point; remembering that every man's conscience is sufficiently alive to detect what, in this particular, is right and wrong; what religion requires, and what it forbids.

7. We may commend the truth to every man's conscience, *by wholly avoiding the practice of tattling and backbiting.*

A tattler is always, and perhaps almost of necessity, a backbiter. Probably you cannot spend in company one hour devoted to conversation about absent ones, without saying some things which you would not have said had they been present. Should you make the experiment, and succeed in saying nothing you would not wish all who are absent to hear, you would probably find your conversation dull and dry. Now, it is far better, to sacrifice a lively conversation, than a neighbor's reputation.

The tattler is always known; and though his conversation may excite interest and draw forth smiles, it does not commend his course. All men know it to be dishonest and mean. The professing Christian who does it, dishonors himself and his religion. The child of God should have something better to feast on than the faults of others. And if his religion furnishes him with nothing better, it is lean, and will not promote, but hinder the gospel.

These things, Christian brethren, are important. We ought carefully to attend to them. A great trust is committed to us; a trust for which the Saviour died; a trust connected with the glory of the Most High, and the salvation of men. Jesus suffered that true piety might prevail among men. His disposition must be ours, or we are none of his. His example is before us. He left it for our imitation. We must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him. Who can estimate the responsibility laid upon us! That God may be glorified, and that souls may be saved, let us ever be careful so to live and act, as to commend the truth to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of Massachusetts, in account with THOMAS SNELL, *Treas.*

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June 26, 1849.	Balance in the Treasury, according to the estimate of the tax of 25 cents for each member, of 400, then due, ...		$52 49
	Excess of receipts above the estimate, . . .		2 00
			54 49
" 26, 1850.	Received from the several District Associations, .		$93 75
		Total,	$148 24

Contra, Dr.

June, 1849.	Transportation of Assembly's Minutes,	$0 50	
" 1850.	Postage on letters, etc.	20	
	Paid Messrs. Crocker and Brewster, for printing and paper for 1,000 Minutes for 1849, ...	128 50	
	Travelling expenses of Secretary, . .	7 50	
	Rev. Mr. McClure's account, for postage, etc.	2 34	139 04
	Balance in the Treasury,		$9 20

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account, and find it correct, and would add that it will be needful that the tax next year shall be fifty cents.

SEWALL HARDING,
SAMUEL HARRIS, } *Auditors.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arranged in the Alphabetical order of the several District Associations.

N. B. The columns denoting Churches, Ministers, and date of Settlement, correspond with the facts as they were supposed to exist when the last meeting of the General Association was held, June, 1850. The number of Communicants is reported for 1st January preceding. The Admissions, Removals, and Baptisms, are designed to cover the year 1849. The Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes embrace both teachers and pupils who usually attend these exercises. In a *few* instances the number of church members has been supplied from the returns of the previous year,—though not till all reasonable efforts have failed to secure the present number.

1. ANDOVER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Andover, South,	Oct. 17, 1711	J. L. Taylor,	July 18, 1839	113	324	437	75	2	8	10	5	15		20		10	300
" West,	Dec. 5, 1826	S. C. Jackson, D. D.	June 6, 1827	61	136	197		4	3	7	2	2		4		10	200
" North,	Sept. 3, 1834	W. T. Briggs,	Nov. 4, 1846	13	45	58		1	2	3		1		1	1	2	120
" Theol. Sem		R. Emerson, D. D.															
Chelmsford, North,	April 27, 1824	B. F. Clark,	Aug 1, 1839	32	55	87	17				1			1			85
Dracut, 1st Evan. ch.	1721	G. W. Thompson,	Stated supply.	27	60	87	14	1	3	4	4	2	1	7			62
" West,	Aug. 31, 1797	B. Emerson,	June 5, 1850	31	54	85											
" East,	1835	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	13	23	36						1		1	2	2	80
Lawrence, 1st ch.	April 9, 1847	Vacant,		34	40	74	2	3	4	7	1	29		30	1	1	200
" Central ch.	Jan. 1850	L. Whiting,	Stated supply.	15	21	36		2	34	36							137
Lowell, 1st ch.	June 6, 1826	W. Child, D. D.	Oct. 1, 1845	114	674	788	150										475
" Appleton-st. c.	Dec. 2, 1830	U. C. Burnap,	July 6, 1837	65	352	417	200										
" John-st. ch.	July 4, 1832	S. W. Hanks,	March 20, 1840	94	390	484	125	2	22	24	10	20	2	32	1	6	300
" Kirk-st. ch.	May 21, 1845	A Blanchard,	May 21, 1845	57	165	222	40	6	17	23	6	10		16	1	2	
" High-st. ch.	1846	J. H. Towne,	Dec. 15, 1847	42	84	126											180
Methuen,	Oct. 29, 1729	J. C. Phillips,	Dec. 25, 1839	60	142	202			1	1	1	6		7	4		180
Tewksbury,	Nov. 29, 1734	{ J. Coggin, S. Lamson,	Oct. 22, 1806 Stated supply.	75	92	167	1										
Total, 17		17		846	2657	3503	298	21	94	115	30	85	3	119	10	33	2319

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Edwards, D. D., Sec. Am. For. Sab. Union, Andover; M. Badger, D. D., Sec. A. H. M. Society, New York; J. Page, stated supply at Atkinson, N. H.; Joseph Merrill, Dracut; T. Atkinson, Isaac Hosford, City missionary, and Cyrus Mann, Teacher, Lowell.

2. BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Adams, North,	April 19, 1827	R. Crawford,	Aug. 20, 1840	37	90	127		1	3	4	3	9		12		8	130
" South,	Jan. 1, 1840	J. Jay Dana,	June 15, 1848	17	37	54	16		3	3	1	2		3			115
Alford,	May 1, 1846	G. Hayden,	Stated supply.	6	13	19						2		2			30
Becket, 1st ch.	Dec. 28, 1758	Vacant,		67	120	187	12	9	1	10	8	5		13			87
" North,	Sept. 25, 1849	J. Colburn,	Stated supply.	25	30	55	2										
Dalton,	Feb. 16, 1785	O. M. Sears,	Sept. 29, 1847	31	55	86	11	1	3	4	1			1	1	4	67
Egremont,	Feb. 20, 1720	Vacant,		26	59	85											80
Great Barrington,	Dec. 28, 1743	J. W. Turner,	April 19, 1837	55	134	189		1	3	4	3	8		11	1	3	200
Hinsdale,	Dec. 17, 1795	E. Taylor,	Feb. 3, 1847	72	117	189	20		6	6	3	4		7		8	275
Housatonic,	June, 1841	—— Merrit,	Stated supply.														
Lanesboro',	March 28, 1764	M. Tupper,	May 21, 1850	24	33	57						5		5		2	88
Lee,	May 25, 1780	R. Smith,	Dec. 9, 1846	103	197	300	13										173
Lenox,	1769	H. Neill,	Aug. 26, 1846	63	127	190		12	2	14		3		3	3	4	120
Monterey,	Sept. 25, 1750	S. Howe,	July 24, 1844	35	57	92	7				2	7		9			65
New Marlboro', North	Oct. 31, 1744	C. Fitch,	Jan. 26, 1842	50	115	165											100
" South	April 25, 1794	O. Lombard,	June 14, 1849	17	44	61		1	4	5	1	4	2	7			75
Otis,	June 5, 1810	Vacant,		41	70	111	12		2	2	2		1	3			135
Peru,	June 1770	J. Knight,	July 6, 1836	75	101	176	3		2	2	3			3		1	244
Pittsfield, 1st,	Feb. 7, 1764	J. Todd, D. D.	Feb. 16, 1842	233	519	752	260	5	10	15	12	19		31	1	8	375
" (colored,)	1847	—— Harrison,	Stated supply.	10	12	22											30
Richmond,	1765	E. L. Clark,	Jan. 20, 1838	31	64	95											40
Sandisfield,	1756	P. T. Holley,	Dec. 12, 1832	68	180	248	20	19		19	6	6	1	13	14	3	175
Sheffield,	Oct. 22, 1735	J. Bradford,	Oct. 13, 1813	59	195	254											125
Stockbridge,	1734	Vacant,		99	166	265											216
" Curtisville,	Dec. 22, 1824	W. H. Phelps,	1849	19	44	63			5	5						1	80
Washington,	1772	F. Norwood,	Sept. 2, 1846	16	36	52										1	75
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	June 4, 1772	S. Bryant,	Nov. 30, 1842	35	58	93	9				1	2		3		2	103
" Village,	1832	N. Lasell,		20	35	55											
Williamstown,	1765	A. Peters, D. D.	Nov. 10, 1844	119	208	327		1	5	6	4	8	2	14		5	195
" South,	1837	J. A. Hazen,	Oct. 18, 1848	14	41	55											50
" College,	June 15, 1834	M. Hopkins, D. D.														7	
Windsor,	1772	G. R. Entler,	Dec. 1, 1847	35	69	104			1	1		4		4			140
Austerlitz, N. Y.		S. Uley,	June, 1848	25	74	99											
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.		J. Wickes,	Dec. 6, 1848	26	60	86											70
New Concord, N. Y.		T. S. Brown,	Stated supply.	25	50	75											66
Total, 35		31		1578	3210	5788	385	50	50	100	50	88	6	134	20	57	3724

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. Alden, D. D., Williamstown, Prof. in College; R. S. Cook, Secretary Am. Tract Society, New York; W. H. Tyler, Principa Young Ladies' Institute, Pittsfield; Noah Sheldon, Stockbridge; R. Pomeroy, Otis; E. Jennings, Dalton; H. Humphrey, D. D., Pittsfield; T. A. Hall, Principal of the Academy at Lee; Bancroft Fowler, Stockbridge; S. R. Giddings, Great Barrington; Alfred A. Gilbert, Lanesboro'; E. B. Andrews.

3. BREWSTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Int.	School.
Chatham,	June 15, 1720	E. W. Tucker,	March 25, 1846	43	122	165	20	4		4	7	2		9	4	9	220
Dennis, South,	June 16, 1807	R. Tolman,	May 1849	39	83	122		1	2	3		2		2		2	230
Eastham,	1646	Vacant,		10	38	48	6										70
Harwich,	Nov. 12, 1744	T. P. Sawin,	March, 1850	32	84	116	13	1		1	2			2	1	3	100
Orleans,	1719	Jacob White,	June, 1841	40	112	152					9			9		1	250
Provincetown,	1714	O. Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846	9	26	35	1	1		1	7			7	1	2	60
Truro,	Nov. 1, 1711	E. W. Noble,	Dec. 1849	38	72	110	2				4	1		5			130
" North,	June 25, 1840	G. W. Rogers,	Stated supply.	7	22	29										3	75
Wellfleet,	1730	C. C. Beaman,	Dec. 2, 1846	74	123	197	2				1	2		3		4	230
" South,	Dec. 4, 1833	Stephen Bailey,	Stated supply.	60	86	146		2		2	1			1		1	155
Yarmouth,	1639	N. Cogswell,	April 24, 1822	25	76	101		1		1	2			2		4	112
Total, 11		10		377	844	1221	44	10	2	12	33	7		40	6	29	1632

Without Pastoral Charge.—Enoch Pratt, Brewster; Henry Van Houten, Boonton, N. J.; Edward Morris, Dennis.

4. BRIDGEWATER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1450.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,	1822	D. Brigham,	April 3, 1845	27	41	68	3	1	1	2	1	2		3	1	1	90
" Scotland,	July 4, 1836	S. Raymond,	Jan. 1, 1837	8	24	32	2		1	1	1			1		1	40
Carver,	1733	E. Gay,	Stated supply.	35	50	85	10				3	2		5		1	60
East Bridgewater,	June 20, 1826	C. Stone,	Stated supply.	31	45	76	7				2	18		20			150
" Trinity ch.	April 3, 1850	B. Sanford,	April 3, 1850	13	20	33		10	6	16					4	1	69
Halifax,	1735	E. Sandford,	Sept. 12, 1847	17	32	49		2	1	3						1	77
Middleboro', 1st ch.	Dec. 26, 1694	I. W. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1835	46	139	185	26				5	4		9			100
" North,	Feb. 4, 1743	P. Colby,	Jan. 1, 1817	42	101	143					2	1		3			100
" West,	1750	J. K. Bragg,	Oct. 19, 1842	47	80	127		1	1	2	4	5		9			130
Total, 9		9		266	532	798	48	14	10	24	18	32		50	5	5	810

5. BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Brimfield,	1725	Jason Morse,	Dec. 12, 1849	50	140	190	33		2	2	4	7		11			200
Brookfield,	April 15, 1756	{ Micah Stone, / { Samuel Hutchings,	March 11, 1801 / Sept. 15, 1847	27	72	99	21		1	1	1	3		4		4	118
Charlton,	April, 1761	John Haven,	Stated supply.	16	84	100		4	5	9	1	1		2	1	1	115
Dana, (Storrsville,)	Nov. 1836	John Keep,	April 24, 1844	10	32	42	9	3	1	4		1		1	3	1	103
Dudley,	1732	Joshua Bates, D. D.	March 22, 1843			124	12	15	1	16	3	2		5	6	3	100
Hardwick,	Nov. 17, 1736	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	28	72	100		5		5	4			4	3	6	100
Holland,	Sept. 13, 1765	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	15	30	45	10	4		4	3	4	3	10	3	4	50
New Braintree,	April 18, 1754	John Fiske, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1796	33	94	127	19	1	2	3	7	2		9		6	125
North Brookfield,	May 28, 1752	Thomas Snell, D. D.	June 27, 1798	71	137	208	20		4	4	7	5	4	16		4	300
Oakham,	Aug. 28, 1767	James Kimball,	Dec. 25, 1832	70	164	234	38		4	4	3	6	3	12		3	200
Southbridge,	Sept. 16, 1801	Eber Carpenter,	Dec. 1, 1835	56	123	179	25	8	7	15	5	8		13	2	2	221
Spencer,	May 17, 1744	Levi Packard,	June 14, 1826	31	84	115		1	6	7	5	1		6		5	190
Sturbridge,	Sept. 29, 1836	David R. Austin,	May 13, 1839	87	219	306	77				2	4		6		4	230
Ware,	May 9, 1757	David N. Coburn,	Sept. 21, 1842	49	93	142	24	22	3	25	2	9		11	8	11	133
" Village,	April 12, 1826	Nahum Gale,	June 22, 1842	75	181	256	46	2	15	17	1	12	1	14		9	265
Warren,	1743	Charles Smith,	Oct. 27, 1847	44	103	147	19	1	9	10	1	5	1	7	1	2	240
West Brookfield,	Oct. 1717	Leonard S. Parker,	Dec. 19, 1844	65	135	200	30		2	2	6	1		7		6	250
Total, 17		18		727	1763	2614	383	66	62	128	55	71	12	138	27	71	2940

Without Pastoral Charge.—Moses Miller and W. A. Nichols, Brookfield.

6. ESSEX NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.	School.
Amesbury, West,	Jan. 15, 1726	A. Paine,	Sept. 7, 1848	50	130	180		1	2	3	3			3	1	7	160
" Mills,	Dec. 6, 1831	Vacant,		68	136	204											175
" and Salisbury,	Oct. 14, 1835	J. M. Bacon,	Stated supply.	10	39	49	3				1			1			90
Boxford, West,	Dec. 9, 1736	C. E. Park,	Oct. 14, 1846	14	36	50						1		1			80
Bradford, 1st ch.	Dec. 27, 1652	N. Munroe,	Feb. 10, 1836	60	128	188			5	5	2	2		4		2	220
" 2d ch.	Jan. 7, 1728	G. B. Perry, D. D.	Sept. 14, 1814	67	93	160											140
Byfield,	Nov. 17, 1706	F. V. Tenney,	March 7, 1850	42	60	102	4				1	4		5	2	1	113
Georgetown,	1731	{ Isaac Braman,	June 7, 1779														
		{ J. M. Prince,	Feb. 3, 1847	57	107	164	18	3	6	9	6	11	1	18	3	1	260
Haverhill, Centre,	Aug. 28, 1833	B. F. Hosford,	May, 21, 1845	59	108	167	27	2	1	3	5	7		12	2	14	150
" North,	1728	David Oliphant,	Stated supply.	18	44	62					2			2			60
" East,	1743	Wales Lewis,	July, 1849	7	16	23											50
" West,	Oct. 1735	Abijah Cross,	June 18, 1831	40	80	120	11				2	3		5		2	130
" Union Ev. ch.		E. J. Comings,	Stated supply	34	36	70	8	3	1	4		5	1	6			100
Ipswich, 1st ch.	1634	D. T. Kimball,	Oct. 8, 1806	44	122	166		2	4	6	3	2	1	6	1	6	165
" Linebrook,	Nov. 15, 1749	E. Birchard,	Stated supply.	23	30	53	9				1	3		4		10	81
Newbury, 1st ch.	June, 1635	L. Withington,	Oct. 30, 1816	47	120	167	6				4		1				100
" Belleville,	April, 1808	D. T. Fiske,	Aug. 18, 1847	51	103	154	9	4	4	8	3	5		8	1	1	140
" Lower Green,		Vacant,															
Newburyport, N. ch.	Jan. 1768	L. F. Dimmick, D. D.	Dec. 8, 1819	68	283	351		7	2	9	3	6		9			150
" Federal-st. ch.	Jan. 3, 1746	—— Vermilye,															
" Temple-st. ch.	May 30, 1793	R. Campbell,	Oct. 12, 1837														
" Whitefield ch.	Jan. 1, 1850	J. E. Emerson,	Jan. 1, 1850														
Rowley,	Dec. 3, 1639	John Pike,	Nov. 18, 1840	24	86	110											110
Salisbury, Hill,	Nov. 19, 1718	B. Sawyer,	Stated supply.	18	44	62											90
W. Newbury, East,	Oct. 26, 1698	Vacant,		15	43	58											90
" West,	Sept. 1 1731	J. Q. A. Edgell,	Sept. 19, 1832	50	95	145	12	1	2	3	6	2		8			100
Total, 25		24		856	1939	2805	107	23	27	50	42	51	4	127	10	44	2834

7. ESSEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Beverly, Dane-st.	Nov. 9, 1802	Joseph Abbott,	Oct. 23, 1834	72	142	214	1		1	1	6			6			
" Washington-st.	1837	George T. Dole,	Oct. 6, 1842	27	90	117			1	1	3			3		4	136
" Upper,	Sept. 1, 1834	Allen Gannet,	Dec. 15, 1847	6	24	30	4		3	3	1			1			
Boxford, 1st ch.	1702	Wm. S. Coggin,	May 9, 1838	19	50	69		2	1	3	1		1	2	2	2	140
Danvers, 1st ch.	Nov. 16, 1689	M. P. Braman,	April 12, 1826														
" 2d ch.	June 25, 1713	T. P. Field,	Oct. 1, 1840	72	188	260		4		4	2	1		3	2	3	180
" 3d ch.	1844	James Fletcher,	June 20, 1849	20	47	67		1	1	2	1	3		4			133
Essex,	1681	Robert Crowell,	Aug. 10, 1814	45	81	126		2		2	2		4	6		1	190
Gloucester, Harbor,	Nov. 17, 1829	James Aiken,	Nov. 22, 1848	23	102	125	13	5	3	8	3	3		6	1	2	116
" Annisquam,	Aug. 25, 1830	Vacant,		13	25	38											
" West par.	1834	L. Wheaton,	Jan. 23, 1850	11	33	44											50
Hamilton,	Oct. 12, 1714	J. H. Mordough,	June 12, 1850	53	99	152					1	1		2			150
Ipswich, South,	July 22, 1747	Daniel Fitz,	June 28, 1826	42	134	176		6	1	7	5	1		6		2	150
Lynn, 1st ch.	June, 1632	Parsons Cook,	May 4, 1836	49	140	189		6	7	13	2	2	1	5	3	6	250
" Swampscott,	1846	J. B. Clark,	Stated supply.	8	19	27		1		1							160
Lynnfield Centre,	Aug. 17, 1720	Vacant,		13	36	49											97
Manchester,	Nov. 7, 1716	O. A. Taylor,	Sept. 18, 1839	80	181	261	18	2	1	3	15			15		3	325
Marblehead,	Oct. 13, 1684	E. A. Lawrence,	April 23, 1845	72	255	327		4	2	6	6	9	1	16		8	230
Middleton,	1729	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 2, 1850	44	69	113	20				6			6		4	75
Rockport,	Feb. 13, 1755	W. Gale,	May 4, 1836	132	203	335		4	1	5	8	4	1	13	1	20	350
Salem, Tabernacle ch	April, 1735	S. M. Worcester, D.D	Dec. 3, 1834	94	347	441	30	2	1	3	7	2		9		9	422
" South ch.	Feb. 15, 1775	B. Emerson, D. D. J E Dwinell,	April 24, 1805 Nov. 29, 1849	110	248	358		6	2	8	4	1	1	6		8	350
" Crombie-st.	May 3, 1832	J. M. Hoppin,	March 27, 1850	45	148	193			1	1	6	4	1	11			160
Saugus,	1739	Vacant,		5	16	21	4	5		5							40
Topsfield,	1650	A. McLoud,	Dec. 8, 1841	52	108	160					3			3		3	175
Wenham,	Oct 8, 1644	J. Taylor,	Oct. 27, 1847	46	72	118			2	2	1	4	1	6			170
Total, 26		24		1153	2851	4010	90	50	28	73	83	35	11	129	9	75	4049

8. FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Ashfield,	Feb. 22, 1763	Sereno D. Clarke,	June 11, 1840	66	122	188		1		1	8	7		15		2	125
Bernardston,	Nov. 25, 1741	Charles Kendall,	Jan. 24, 1844	27	45	72	27				2	2		4		3	55
Buckland,	Oct. 1785	Asa B. Smith,	March 22, 1848	64	129	193	29	9	8	17	1	2		3	2	6	200
Charlemont, East,	Aug. 1845	Aaron Foster,	Feb. 13, 1850	22	45	67		3	3	6	2			2		2	114
" West,	June 6, 1788	John D Smith,	June 21, 1848	36	66	102	7					5		5		1	70
Colerain,	1753	Cyrus W. Allen,	Feb. 28, 1849	13	34	47	10				2			2		1	85
Conway,	July 14, 1768	Samuel Harris,	Dec. 22, 1841	114	220	334	18	9	24	33	3	30	2	35	3	12	300
Deerfield,	June 9, 1835	Alfred E Ives,	Sept. 5, 1849	25	46	71		1	1	2	2	3		5	1		99
" South,	June 30, 1816	Marcus E Cross,	Stated supply.	29	57	86		8	9	17	1	5		6		5	100
" Monument ch.	1848	David A. Strong,	March 21, 1849	16	29	45		3	7	10	1			1	2	6	100
Erving,	1832	Vacant,		6	15	21	7										
Gill,	1793	Josiah W. Canning,	Sept. 25, 1839	10	35	45	10	1	5	6	1			1		1	94
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	A. Chandler, D. D.	Oct. 24, 1832	10	30	40		2	3	5	2	1		3	2	1	
" 2d,	1820	George C. Partridge,	May 18, 1848	52	105	157	31	5	5	10		3		3	2	6	
Hawley, East,	1793	Henry Seymour,	Oct. 3, 1849	31	50	81	5		5	5	3	10		13		4	150
" West,	1830	John Eastman,	Nov. 11, 1847	23	38	61		2	3	5						2	80
Heath,	1790	Vacant,		46	97	143	27	1	4	5	3	6		9		5	143
Montague,	Jan. 30, 1799	James H. Merrill,	Nov. 26, 1839	44	80	124	11	1	3	4	3	4		7	1	3	150
New Salem, North,	Nov. 10, 1824	Erastus Curtis,	Stated supply.	7	12	19	2										
Northfield,	1718	Alvah C. Page,	Stated supply.	20	49	69	8				1			1			60
Orange, (Irvingsville,)	Oct. 31, 1839	Vacant,		7	9	16	3					3		3			
" North,	1843	Willard Jones,	Stated supply.	4	18	22	3	4	3	7	1	3		4	2		
" South,	1846	M. B. Angier,	Stated supply.	11	30	41	1	2	19	21					2		150
Rowe,	1833	Benjamin F. Clarke,	June 7, 1849	10	20	30	6		1	1		5		5		1	30
Shelburne,	1770	T. Packard, D. D. / T. Packard, Jr.	Feb. 20, 1799 / March 12, 1828	52	96	148	12				5	4		9		3	250
" Falls,	March 6, 1850	G. F. Bronson,	Stated supply.	17	27	44											
Shutesbury,	Feb. 4, 1806	Ezra Newton, Jr.	March 1, 1848	17	35	52	3	2	2	4	1	2		3	2		75
Sunderland,	1718	H. B. Hosford,	May 28, 1850	93	141	234	8	54	6	60	4	6		10	22	8	300
Warwick,	June, 1829	Roger C. Hatch,	Dec 23, 1835	13	45	58	7	1	2	3						2	70
Wendell,	1781	N. S. Dickinson,	May 26, 1847	25	51	76	5	4	3	7	3	7		10	2	3	100
Total. 30		28		920	1776	2696	240	113	116	239	49	108	2	159	43	65	2500

Without Pastoral Charge.—Salmon Bennett, Heath; Horatio Flagg, Colerain; Eli Moody, and Samuel Bradford, Montague; Samuel Ware, Shelburne.

9. HAMPDEN EAST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Chicopee, 1st,	1752	E. B. Clark,	Oct. 16, 1839	24	48	72	9	2		2		9		9	2	2	70
" 2d,	July 3, 1839	S. S. N. Greely,	Stated supply.	55	150	205		8	2	10	4	1		5	4	3	
" 3d,	Oct. 16, 1834	Vacant,		52	105	157	15	1	4	5	2	12	1	15			125
Longmeadow,	1717	J. W. Harding,	June 1, 1850	54	105	159	10	1	4	5	5	3		8			125
" East,	1831	P. S. Cossett,	Stated supply.	31	75	106	8	1		1	4	5		9		2	100
Ludlow, 1st ch.	1789	J. W. Tuck,	Sept. 6, 1843	64	100	164	19	28	2	30	1	3		4	11	14	205
" Jenksville,	June, 6, 1847	Vacant,		11	19	30											100
Monson,	June 22, 1762	A. Ely, D. D. / C. B. Kittredge,		128	226	354	72	6	3	9	4	12	1	17	6	12	
Palmer, 1st ch.	1730	Levi Smith,	Stated supply.	22	44	66	18		1	1	2	11		13		2	90
" 2d ch.	April 1, 1847	Thomas Wilson,	March 1, 1848	30	61	91	3	16	2	18	3	1		4	8		100
Springfield, 1st ch.	1645	S. Osgood, D. D.	June 9, 1809	126	331	457	46	11	22	33	9	6		15			200
" Hill,	1833	Samuel W. Strong,	March 27, 1850	46	94	140			4	4							90
" North ch.	1846	R. H. Seely,	March 1, 1849	39	52	91	4	4	30	34		2		2	1	7	117
" South ch.	1843	S. G. Buckingham,	June 16, 1847	92	134	226	23	21	29	50		10	1	11	10	9	200
Wilbraham, North,	June, 1741	John Bowers,	Dec. 13, 1837	74	114	188	62		3	3	6	2		8		1	109
" South,	1784	H. Beebe,	April 19, 1848	17	48	65			4	4	1	1		2		2	107
Total, 16		15		865	1706	2571	289	99	110	209	41	78	3	122	42	54	1738

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. H. Conklin.

10. HAMPDEN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Blandford,	1741	C. J. Hinsdale,	Jan. 20, 1836	35	87	122			1	1	5	11		16		2	120
Chester,	1765	Vacant,		28	47	75			3	3	6	27	1	34		3	70
" Factories,	Nov. 3, 1844	Vacant,		10	20	30	1		6	6		3		3			35
" Village,	1846	P. K. Clark,	Stated supply.	14	23	37	2	1	5	6	1	1		2		1	60
" Littleville,	Aug. 7, 1849	Daniel Foster,	Stated supply.	9	10	19											
Granville, East,	1747	T. M. Cooley, D. D.	Feb. 3, 1796	38	86	124			2	2	3	4		7		2	135
" West,	1786	H. B. Smith,	July 22, 1847	26	52	78		1	2	3	2	1		3	1	4	100
Holyoke, 1st,	Dec. 4, 1799	Simeon Miller,	May 7, 1846	20	47	67	14	2	4	6	3			3	1	3	100
" 2d,	May, 1849	A. C. Pierce,	Sept. 20, 1849	11	9	20	2		21	21	1			1		2	108
Montgomery,	June 30, 1797	Vacant,		10	25	35											40
Southwick,	Aug. 17, 1773	Henry Cooley,	Dec. 2, 1846	22	71	93	16		2	2	1	5		6		2	75
Tolland,	1797	A. Sanderson,	Aug. 12, 1843	20	47	67			2	2							100
Westfield,	Aug. 16, 1679	E. Davis, D. D.	June 1, 1836	120	270	390	18	10	10	20	11	18	1	30	4	8	250
West Springfield,	1698	S. W. Bailey,	Stated supply.	85	161	246	19	3	1	4	13	3		16		7	210
" Agawam,	1819	Ralph Perry,	Dec. 28, 1847	40	81	121		3	3	6	3	1		4		3	100
" Feeding Hills,	Nov. 10, 1762	Vacant,		27	53	80					1			1			
" Agawam Falls,	Jan. 10, 1850	Vacant,		12	20	32									2		75
Total, 17		12		527	1109	1636	72	20	62	82	50	74	2	126	8	37	1578

Without Pastoral Charge.—Hervey Smith, Easthampton; Dillon Williams, Chester Factories; —— Sweet, Springfield.

11. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Chesterfield,	Oct. 30, 1764	Oliver Warner, Jr.	Stated supply.	16	57	73		7	1	8	2	5		7	6		60
Cummington, 1st,	1771	James D. Chapman,	June 12, 1844	21	52	73	20				3	1		4		2	100
" Village,	1840	Theodore J. Clark,	Oct. 11, 1842	37	64	101	3	1		1	3	1		4	1		200
" Hubbardville,	1840	Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1, 1841	25	55	80	13		3	3	1	4		5		4	60
East Hampton,	1789	{ Payson Williston, Aug. 13, 1789 { William Bement, Oct. 16, 1833		99	168	267		2	4	6	6	10		16		4	
Goshen,	1788	R. Crossett,	Stated supply.	45	95	140	53		2	2		5					136
Hatfield,	1670	Vacant,		53	112	165			4	4	2					3	174
Middlefield,	1792	Edward Clarke,	June 19, 1839	39	61	100					1	8		9			60
Northampton, 1st,	June 18, 1661	E. Y. Swift,	Nov. 19, 1845	188	378	566		5	13	18	5	8	2	15	2	10	314
" Edwards ch.	June 29, 1833	George E. Day,	Jan. 12, 1848	75	150	225	24	13	12	25	4	5		9	2	2	250
Norwich,	1781	John R. Miller,	May 17, 1848	44	70	114		2	1	3	2	3		5		6	150
Plainfield,	Aug. 31, 1789	H. J. Gaylord,	Oct. 6, 1847	58	127	185		2	7	9	6	4		10	1	1	261
Southampton,	June 8, 1743	Morris E. White,	June 20, 1832	167	210	367		5	5	5	3	7				8	300
West Hampton,	Sept. 1, 1779	David Coggin,	May 11, 1842	66	102	168	7	24	8	32	3	3		6	6	5	150
Whately, 1st,	1771	J. Howard Temple,	Sept. 30, 1845	54	78	132			1	1	4	3		7		2	
" 2d,	1843	J. S. Judd,	Oct. 12, 1843	37	50	87	3					3				1	
Williamsburg,	1773	Vacant,		100	142	242	20	6	2	8	5			5	2	3	
Worthington,	1768	John H. Bisbee,	Dec. 19, 1838	70	116	186	23	2	2	4	5			5	2	7	250
Total, 18		17		1187	2103	3290	166	64	60	124	52	63	2	117	22	50	2205

Without Pastoral Charge.—Caleb Knight, Hatfield; William A. Hawley, Plainfield; John Ferguson, Whately; Erastus Clapp and Solomon Lyman, Easthampton; E. B. Wright, Norwich; Wm A. Hallock, Secretary of the American Tract Society, New York.

12. HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Amherst, West,	Nov. 7, 1739	A. M. Colton,	June 10, 1840	86	195	281			3	3	9	12	1	22		9	200
" North,	Nov. 15, 1826	George Cooke,	Jan. 16, 1839	52	89	141	8	6	2	8	3	6		9	2	6	200
" East,	Oct. 28, 1782	C. L. Woodworth,	Nov. 7, 1849	47	101	148	14	1	5	6	6	8		14	1	3	130
" South,	Oct. 14, 1824	J. L. Merrick,	Jan. 31, 1849	40	85	125	12	1	7	8	2	1		3	2	7	168
" College ch.	1826	E. Hitchcock, D. D.	April 15, 1845	74	15	89		33	8	41		12		12			
Belchertown,	1739	S. Wolcott,	Oct. 3, 1849	133	267	400											300
Enfield,	1790	R. McEwen,	Feb. 16, 1842	145	225	370	44	2		2	11			11	1	3	300
Granby,	1762	James Bates,	April 29, 1846	106	199	305	40	3	6	9	6	11	1	18	1	8	290
Greenwich,	1749	E. P. Blodget,	July 5, 1843	45	93	138			3	3	3	3	1	7		5	150
Hadley, 1st par.	1659	R. Ayres,	Jan. 12, 1840	85	143	228			4	4	3	1		4		11	
" 2d par.	1835	W. H. Beaman,	Sept. 15, 1841	30	78	108		3	8	11	3	1		4		4	125
" 3d par.	1842	G. Woodbridge, D. D.	Feb. 26, 1842	42	54	96		1	6	7	2			2		6	
South Hadley, 1st par.	1733	T. Laurie,	June 7, 1848	84	140	224	39	8	4	12	4	10		14	2	6	200
" 2d par.	1824	L. Thompson,	Dec. 13, 1843	45	71	116	27	3	4	7	5	6		11	1	5	100
Leverett,	1784	D. Eastman,	Feb. 12, 1840	28	56	84	13	3	1	4	3	2		5	1	2	100
Pelham,	Oct. 25, 1837	Vacant,		5	33	38	10					2		2			75
Prescott,	Jan. 15, 1823	Vacant,		9	37	46	18				1			1			60
Total, 17		15		1056	1881	2937	225	64	61	125	61	75	3	139	11	75	2398

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. W. Curtis, Hadley; G. H. Patrick, G. Sanford, and G. Nash, Amherst.

13. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Int.	School.
Blackstone,	April 15, 1841	Michael Burdett,	May 5, 1841	21	49	70	15		4	4	2	5		7		1	200
" Millville,	1836	Vacant,		11	31	42	11					4	1	5			40
Douglass,	Nov. 11, 1747	David Holman,	Stated supply.	12	33	45	30				1	1		2		1	55
" East,	June 12, 1834	Chauncey D. Rice,	Dec. 7, 1842	41	92	133	15	4	3	7		3		3	3	7	200
Grafton,	Dec. 28, 1731	Thomas C. Biscoe,	July 18, 1838	99	175	274	52		3	3	1	4	1	6		3	300
Hopkinton,	Sept. 2, 1724	J. C. Webster,	Dec. 19, 1838	55	123	178											250
Millbury, 1st ch.	Sept. 10, 1747	Noah Beach,	Nov. 22, 1837	32	103	135	25	7		7	2	7		9	3	2	125
" 2d ch.	1827	Leverett Griggs,	Sept. 22, 1847	62	103	165			9	9	4	5		9		3	200
" Grass Hill,		Sidney Holman,	July 1, 1840	21	47	68	6	4		4					2	1	75
Northbridge,	June 6, 1782	William Bates,	Nov. 5, 1845	30	66	96	11	2	3	5	2	1		3		3	100
" Whitinsville,	July 31, 1834	Lewis F. Clark,	June 1, 1842	32	76	108	16		2	2	1	2		3		1	230
Sutton,	1720	Hiram A. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1835	60	141	201	30	1	3	4	4	1		5		4	180
Upton,	1735	William Warren,		71	161	232	38	1	7	8	2	3		5	1	2	325
Uxbridge,	Jan. 1731	J. J. Abbott,		36	120	156	42	5		5	4	9		13	2		242
Webster,	June, 1838	Lorenzo Cary,	Aug. 14, 1845	39	81	120	26	1	7	8	4	6	1	11		1	150
Total, 15		14		622	1401	2023	317	25	41	66	27	51	3	81	11	29	2422

Without Pastoral Charge.—Daniel Butler, Westboro'; Herbert A. Read, Webster.

14. MENDON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1450.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Dover,	1839	O. W. Cooley,	May 4, 1848	11	19	30	4										40
Foxboro',	1779	Vacant,															
Franklin,	Feb. 16, 1738	T. D. Southworth,	Jan. 23, 1839	52	100	152		2	2	4	5	1		6		3	150
Holliston,	Oct. 31, 1728	J. T. Tucker,	June 6, 1849	54	133	187	19	9	5	14	5	4		9	9	10	300
Mansfield,	1838	M. Blake,	Dec. 4, 1839	25	51	76	1					1		1			175
Medfield,	Feb. 1828	T. T. Richmond,	Oct. 26, 1842	25	58	83										1	65
Medway, 1st,	1715	S. Harding,	Nov. 1, 1837	41	122	163	11	2	2	4	3	1		4	1	5	125
" 2d,	Oct. 4, 1750	Jacob Ide, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1814	68	126	194	22	3	3	6	5	8	1	14	2	5	220
" Village,	Sept. 7, 1838	David Sanford,	Oct. 3, 1838	42	110	152	15	4	5	9	3	1		4	4	4	175
Mendon,	Aug 13, 1828	C. Chamberlain,	Stated supply.	7	41	48	48										60
Milford,	April 15, 1741	Preston Pond,	May 24, 1850	22	64	86		1	5	6	2	1		3	1	2	100
Wrentham, 1st,	April 13, 1692	{ Elisha Fiske, { Horace James,	June 12, 1799 Nov. 1, 1843	66	197	263	42	7	2	9	6	2		8	4	3	200
" North,	June 16, 1798	Tyler Thacher,	Stated supply.	13	35	48					1	3		4		2	45
Total, 13		13		426	1036	1462	170	25	21	46	25	14	1	39	19	30	1645

Without Pastoral Charge.—Charles Simmons, North Wrentham; T. D. P. Stone.

15. MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Ashland,	Jan. 22, 1834	Wm. M. Thayer,	June 16, 1849	25	85	110		4		4	3	12		15		3	160
Concord,	June 5, 1826	Vacant,		16	87	103											90
Framingham,	Oct. 8, 1701	Increase N. Tarbox,	Nov. 22, 1844	68	161	229	15		13	13	3	6		9		6	214
Lincoln,	Aug. 20, 1747	W. C. Jackson,	April 26, 1848	29	61	90	16				2		4	6		1	120
Marlboro',	1666	David L. Ogden,	April 26, 1848	37	108	145		3	1	4	2	1		3	1	4	208
Natick,	March, 1802	Vacant,		44	103	147	23										150
Needham, West,	Sept. 1798	A. Bigelow,	July 7, 1847	32	72	104		5		5					3	3	164
" Grantville,	Feb. 24, 1847	Vacant,		16	25	41	9		7	7		2		2	1	1	102
Saxonville,	1834	B. G. Northrup,	March 10, 1847	23	69	92		9		9		5		5			150
Sherburne,	March 26, 1685	Edmund Dowse,	Oct. 10, 1838	75	94	169	25	2		2	2			2		6	132
Southboro',	Feb. 17, 1831	Alanson Rawson,	Stated supply.	66	112	178	19	6	6	12	3	1		4	1	2	317
Stow,	May 11, 1839	T. Cooke,	June 9, 1847	16	38	54										1	60
Sudbury,	Aug. 1640	Josiah Ballard,	March 3, 1841	40	110	150		2		2	7			7	1	3	222
Wayland,	May 21, 1828	Vacant,		14	61	75	18					4		4			75
Total, 14		10		501	1186	1687	125	31	27	58	22	31	4	57	7	30	2164

16. MIDDLESEX UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.	
Acton,	March 13, 1832	J. T. Woodbury,	July 15, 1832	92	141	233		2	6	8	5	7		12	2	3	160
Ashby,	June 12, 1776	C. W. Wood,	Oct. 30, 1839	59	67	126			2	2	5			5		3	175
Boxboro',	April 29, 1784	Vacant,		216	20	36											40
Dunstable,	May 12, 1757	Vacant,		39	70	109					1			1		2	140
Fitchburg, Calvinistic,	Jan. 27, 1765	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	125	235	360			11	11	4	6	2	12		16	435
" Trinitarian,	Jan. 26, 1843	Vacant,															
Groton,	July 13, 1664	Vacant,		101	136	237			3	3	7	4		11		4	150
Harvard,	March 22, 1821	George Fisher,	Sept. 12, 1821	46	99	145	30		2	2	2			2		3	
Lancaster,	May 22, 1839	C. Packard,	Jan. 1, 1840	17	48	65						4		4			
Leominster,	Dec. 25, 1822	O. G. Hubbard,	May 20, 1833	47	107	154		3	7	10	1	2	2	5	1	2	290
Littleton,	1840	Vacant,		18	31	49											
Lunenburg,,	June 10, 1835	A. Boutelle,	Jan. 10, 1849	28	64	92	9	1	8	9	4		4	8		1	120
Pepperell,	Jan. 29, 1747	Vacant,		119	202	321	66	1		1	5	3	1	9	1	3	250
Shirley,	March 12, 1828	Vacant,		18	44	62	22				2	4		6		1	100
Townsend,	Oct. 16, 1734	L. H. Sheldon,	Aug. 1, 1844	105	189	294	45	3	2	5	7	3	1	11	3	15	285
Westford,	Dec. 25, 1828	Leonard Luce,	April 8, 1822	52	97	149		1	1	2	3	1		4		1	125
Total, 16		9		792	1550	2342	172	11	42	53	50	34	10	94	7	54	2270

17. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.		Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
					Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.	School.
Abington, 1st,		1712	J. W. Ward,	May 21, 1834	48	90	138	9	6	6	12	4	1		5	2	1	136
" 2d,	Aug. 19,	1807	Dennis Powers,	Sept. 29, 1842	53	103	156											150
" 3d,		1813	H. D. Walker,	Feb. 15, 1844	33	74	107											200
" North,		1840	Willard Pierce,	April 8, 1840	41	59	100											175
Berkley, Tr. cong. ch.	Sept. 20,	1848	L. R. Eastman,	Stated supply.	9	17	26		1		1		2		2		1	111
Braintree, 1st,	Sept. 10,	1707	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	July 3, 1811	49	129	178			2	2		2		2		1	150
" South,	Nov. 18,	1829	Wm. B. Hammond,	1849	30	45	75	9				1	3		4		5	148
" and Weymouth,		1811	Jonas Perkins,	June 14, 1815	10	112	182	21				1	2		3			150
Canton,	July,	1828	Vacant,		6	18	24			1	1							56
Cohasset, 2d ch.	Nov. 24,	1824	F. A. Reed,	March 9, 1848	16	75	91	12	1		1			1	1		5	100
Dedham, South,	June 23,	1736	Calvin Durfee,	March 2, 1836	40	82	122		1	2	3	3			3		3	100
Dorchester, 2d ch.	Jan. 1,	1808	James H. Means,	July 13, 1848	90	228	318	60	3	8	11	4	4		8		6	200
" Village,	March 11,	1829	David Dyer,	April 9, 1845	42	167	209	48	3	3	6	7	4		11	1	7	120
Easton,		1711	Luther Sheldon,	Oct. 24, 1810	40	94	134		10		10			1	1	5		130
Hanover,		1728	A. G. Duncan,	Aug 23, 1833	16	55	69	7		3	3	2			2	3	11	80
Hanson,		1748	S. L. Rockwood,	March 11, 1840	10	47	57	3				2			2			
Hingham, Evang. ch.	Dec. 21,	1847	E. Porter Dyer,	Jan. 4, 1849	7	10	17	1										60
Milton,		1678	Vacant,															
" Railway,	Nov. 9,	1843	S. W. Cozzens,	Stated supply.	9	26	35	3		2	2		4		4		2	80
North Bridgewater,	Jan. 3,	1738	Paul Couch,	Oct. 7, 1835	97	124	221	7	1	3	4	3	4		7		2	
" South ch.		1837	D. Huntington,	Jan. 1, 1840	24	34	58	6		1	1						1	120
Quincy,		1833	Nelson Clark,	Jan. 2, 1850	24	69	93	26	1		1	2	1		3			149
Randolph,	May 28,	1731	C. Hitchcock, D. D.	Feb. 28, 1821	48	80	128			2	2	2	1		3			124
" East,		1821	E. Russell,	May 8, 1850	46	83	129	11		2	2	4			4		10	240
Scituate,	Jan. 18,	1634	Daniel Wight, Jr.	Sept. 23, 1842	29	50	79	4	4	1	5	1	1	1	3	2	1	150
Sharon,	May 20,	1741	L. R. Phillips,	July 29, 1841	27	73	100	5		4	4	5	2		7		4	120
Stoughton,	Aug. 10,	1744	Vacant,		27	49	76	11		3	3	1			1			70
Weymouth, North,	Jan. 30,	1638	Joshua Emery,	Jan. 25, 1838	66	146	212		1		1	1			1		3	200
" South,		1723	James P. Torrey,	July 6, 1848	16	59	75		2	3	5	2			2	2	2	130
" Union ch.	Nov. 1,	1842	Willard M. Harding,	Nov. 17, 1847	15	37	52	3	5		5					3	6	180
Total, 30			27		1028	2238	3266	246	39	46	85	45	31	3	79	18	71	3629

18. OLD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Wm. A. Mandell,	Nov. 11, 1846	28	82	110	28		1	1	1	2		3		2	
Edgartown,	1641	S B. Goodenow,	June 30, 1847	23	75	98	25		1	1	3			3			100
Fairhaven, 1st ch.	1794	Jacob Roberts,	July 17, 1839	53	101	154	21		5	5	1	1		2		4	240
Middleboro', Central,	March 25, 1847	I. C. Thatcher,	Aug. 16, 1849	18	24	42		7	9	16	1			1	2		90
New Bedford, 1st ch.	1696	D. C. Burt,	July 1, 1835	17	44	61	8		5	5	1			1			90
" North,	1807	A. Eldridge,	Sept. 15, 1847	83	188	271		5	5	10		8		8			300
" South,	Nov. 1830	G. L. Prentiss,	April 9, 1845	42	79	121		2	13	15	5	3		8	1	3	120
" Pacific,	Oct. 8, 1844	Vacant,		30	53	83	7		2	2	1	4		5		3	75
Rochester, Centre,	1686	E. W. Harrington,	June 19, 1850	18	67	85					3	2		5		1	50
" Mattapoisett,	1740	Wm. D. Mather,	Stated supply.	55	100	155					4			4		2	100
" North,	1758	Isaac Briggs,	1836	21	19	30					2			2			30
" South,	1827	Leander Cobb,	Dec. 1, 1841	18	37	55					5			5		2	80
Wareham,	1739	James A. Roberts,	Stated supply.	34	98	132					2	2		4			40
Total, 13		12		440	967	1407	89	14	41	55	29	22		51	3	17	1015

Without Pastoral Charge.—William Gould, Fairhaven; Samuel Nott, Jr., Wareham.

19. PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Kingston,	May 19, 1828	Joseph Peckham,	Nov. 30, 1842	24	58	82	9	2	3	5	1	2		3	2		70
Marshfield, South,	1640	Vacant,		20	32	52	8	1	1	2	2			2		2	90
" North,	1834	Daniel D. Tappan,	Jan. 23, 1838	15	24	39	3								3		60
Plymouth, Manomet,	1837	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	53	62	115	21				2		1	3		1	90
" Pilgrimage,	1800	Charles S. Porter,	May, 25, 1845	30	95	125			1	1	8	2	1	11		4	182
" Chiltonville,	1819	Benjamin Whitmore,	June 21, 1817	70	95	165					3			3		1	112
" Robinson,	1830	Vacant,		15	47	62	1				1			1		1	60
Plympton,	1695	Elijah Dexter,	Jan. 18, 1809	31	98	129	13				2	1		3		2	69
Total, 8		6		258	511	769	55	3	5	8	19	5	2	26	5	11	733

Without Pastoral Charge.—Freeman P. Howland, Hanson; Jonathan King, Abington.

20. SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Boston, Old South ch.	May 5, 1669	G. W. Blagden, D. D.	Sept. 28, 1836	93	430	523		4	4	8	8			8		6	140
" Bowdoin-st.	July 18, 1825	J. B. Waterbury, D.D.	Sept. 1846	151	296	447		1	18	19	3	25	4	32			
" Central ch.	May 11, 1835	W. M. Rogers, George Richards,	Aug. 6, 1835 Oct. 8, 1845	149	313	462		6	22	28	1	25		26		4	430
" Ch. of the Pilgrims,	July 15, 1844	S. H. Higgins,	Stated supply.	80	191	271		21	32	53	5	2		7	11	6	257
" Maverick ch.	May 31, 1836	R. S. Hitchcock,	Nov. 18, 1846	52	98	150											
Cambridge, 1st ch.	Feb. 1, 1636	J. A. Albro, D. D.	April 15, 1835	63	154	217	40	8	8	16	3	1		4		4	190
Cambridgeport,	Sept. 20, 1827	W. A. Stearns,	Dec. 14, 1831	71	163	234	33	17	7	24	5	3		8	8	10	200
East Cambridge,	Sept. 8, 1842	F. T. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1843	21	44	65	14	5	5	10	2	2		4	3	4	125
Charlestown, 1st ch.	Nov. 2, 1632	W. I. Budington,	April 22, 1840	55	198	253											
" Winthrop ch	Jan. 9, 1833	Benjamin Tappan, Jr.	Oct. 4, 1849	92	225	317		19	61	80	3	9		12	6	15	631
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	Sept. 30, 1841	I. P. Langworthy,	Nov. 10, 1841	86	154	240											
Malden, 1st ch.	March, 1649	A. W. McClure,	Nov. 22, 1848	25	62	87	10	5	9	14		4		4	2	7	110
" Winthrop ch	March 16, 1848	F. G. Pratt,	Oct. 18, 1849	10	28	38		2	9	11					2		156
Medford, 2d cong. ch.	Oct. 1823	L. H. Angier,	Stated supply.	55	113	168											
" Mystic ch.	July 6, 1847	A. B. Warner,	Oct. 27, 1847	27	65	92	4	2	14	16	6	1		7	2	5	130
Newton, 1st ch.	July 20, 1664	D. L. Furber,	Dec. 1, 1847	40	78	118	17				2	1		3		1	80
" 2d ch.	Oct. 2, 1781	L. Gilbert,	July 2, 1828	40	60	100		1	8	9	2			2		4	120
" Eliot ch.	June, 1845	W. S. Leavitt,	Dec. 3, 1845	30	68	98	10	3	6	9		5		5		7	130
North Chelsea,	May 9, 1828	J. D. Farnsworth,	Stated supply.	8	16	24			1	1							75
Waltham, Tr. cong. ch.	Sept. 28, 1820	John Whitney,	Nov. 8, 1837	30	120	150											
Total, 20		21		1178	2576	4054	128	94	204	298	40	78	4	122	34	83	2774

Without Pastoral Charge.—R. Anderson, D. D., G. C. Beckwith, S. Bliss, A. Bullard, D. Clark, W. M. Cornell, W. Jenks, D. D., H. Winslow, Boston; W. Bushnell, Newton; J. Curtis, Charlestown; A. R. Baker, Medford.

21. SUFFOLK SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Boston, Park-st. ch.	Feb. 27, 1809	A. L. Stone,	Jan. 25, 1849	135	365	500		24	25	49	3	9		12	7	11	250
" Essex-st.	Aug. 26, 1822	N. Adams, D. D.	March 26, 1834	134	447	581		14	16	30	2	12		14	1	20	200
" Salem-st.	Sept. 1, 1827	E. Beecher, D. D.	March 13, 1844	152	332	484		12	9	21	2	36	1	39			380
" Pine-st.	Sept. 2, 1827	H. M. Dexter,	April 18, 1849	81	146	227	60	1	13	14	8	22		30		6	220
" Mariners,	Jan. 20, 1830	George W. Bourne,	Feb. 15, 1849	26	28	54		2	1	3	1	5	3	9	1		80
" Mt. Vernon,	June 1, 1842	E. N. Kirk,	June 1, 1842	173	360	533		28	20	48	7	38	1	46	6	18	404
" Shawmut,	Nov. 20, 1845	W. C. Foster,	Oct. 25, 1849	38	69	107		3	4	7	1	7		8			275
" Edwards ch.	Feb. 1, 1849	C. Cushing,	Feb. 21, 1849	26	54	80	4	13	15	28	2	1		3	2	8	305
" Phillips ch.	Dec. 10, 1823	J. W. Alvord,	Nov. 4, 1846	77	149	226	38	2	18	20	6	13		19	1	13	250
Brighton,	Sept. 13, 1827	A. Swazey,	Oct. 6, 1847	43	93	136		1	2	3	1		1	2	1		120
Brookline,	Aug. 21, 1844	J. Haven, Jr.	Dec. 31, 1846	29	37	66	14	2	7	9		1		1	2	4	50
Dedham, 1st ch.	Nov. 8, 1638	E. Burgess, D. D.	March 14, 1821	53	185	238		1	4	5	7	4		11		4	125
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	Sept. 18, 1834	A. C. Thompson,	July 22, 1842	83	146	229		5	13	18	2	8	1	11		12	230
" West,	June 11, 1835	C. Marsh,	May 17, 1837	18	50	68		1		1		1	1	2		1	100
Walpole,	1826	Vacant,		33	107	140											150
Total, 15		14		1101	2568	3669	116	109	147	256	42	157	8	207	21	97	3139

Without Pastoral Charge.—J. S. Clark, L. Dwight, S. H. Riddell, S. B. Treat, J. E. Woodbridge, and G. A. Oviatt, Boston; J. Abbott, New York; S. Lamson, Reading; D. Greene, Westboro'; A. Phelps, Andover; C. Rich, Wayland; C. E. Stow, Brunswick, Me.

22. TAUNTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Attleboro',	April 7, 1743	Jonathan Crane,	Oct. 20, 1836	60	188	248	30	4	2	6	3	1		4		7	300
" West,	1712	J. B. M. Bailey,	Dec. 30, 1840	46	83	129	45				1	2		3			125
Berkley, Cong. ch.	Nov. 2, 1737	N. Richardson,	Stated supply.	49	96	145	26		3	3	2			2		6	120
Dighton,	1710	Preston Cummings,	Stated supply.	22	33	55										3	50
Fall River, 1st ch.	Jan. 9, 1816	Benj. P. Relyea,	May 15, 1850	52	144	196		5	1	6						7	300
" Central,	1843	Eli Thurston,	March, 1849	60	124	184		50	18	68	2	1		3	20	8	260
Freetown,	1807	S. Woodbury,	Stated supply.	23	42	65	9	2		2					1	5	50
Norton,	April 3, 1832	William Barrows,	Sept. 4, 1845	52	83	135	35	2	3	5	1	3		4	1	2	150
Pawtucket,	April 17, 1829	C. Blodgett,	July 27, 1836	52	176	228	69	2	11	13		4		4	1	10	310
Raynham,	Oct. 1731	Robert Carver,	Dec. 1, 1847	39	96	135	49				3	3		6			175
Rehoboth,	Nov. 29, 1721	C. P. Grosvenor,	Stated supply.	19	69	88	17	7	2	9	1	1		2	6	15	115
Seekonk,	1644	James O. Barney,	Feb. 4, 1824	31	67	98	26		1	1	6	6		12		1	110
Taunton, West,	1638	Alvan Cobb,	April 19, 1815	28	60	88	28	4		4					3	6	99
" Trin. ch.	1821	E. Maltby,	June 18, 1826	72	221	293	40	2	5	7	1	3		4	1	6	300
" Spring-st. ch.	Jan. 12, 1837	S. H. Emery,	Nov. 23, 1837	39	78	117	24	2	5	7	2	8		10	2	4	150
Total, 15		15		644	1560	2204	398	80	51	131	22	32		54	35	80	2614

23. VINEYARD SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1450.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Barnstable, West,	1634	Vacant,		32	38	70	4				2			2		1	75
" Centreville,	1825	E. Bacon,	Stated supply.	31	59	90											75
Chilmark,	1715	E. Demond,	Stated supply.	4	20	24					4	1		5			
Falmouth, 1st ch.	Oct. 1708	H. B. Hooker,	Feb. 1837	67	148	215		21		21	5	3		8	10	9	300
" East,	June 20, 1821	S. S. Hyde,	Dec. 1847	20	29	49		14	1	15					9		60
" North,	1833	Vacant,		31	44	75											52
" East, 2d,	Jan. 3, 1850	S. F. Beard,	Stated supply.	7	22	29		7	3	10	1			1	3	4	60
Marshpee and Herring Pond,	1670	P. Fish,	Sept. 1811	9	21	30											55
Nantucket,	Nov. 25, 1767	Vacant,		75	272	347	50		6	6	4	20	4	28			350
Sandwich,	1638	E. Wells,	July, 1847	37	73	110		26	1	27	1	1		2	9	12	120
" Monument,	1833	J. Garland,	June, 1848	12	37	49	6		1	1	1			1			70
Tisbury, Holmes Hole	May 9, 1844	Vacant,		4	19	23	2	1		1	1			1	1	2	50
" West,	1673	Vacant,		19	37	56											35
Yarmouth, South,	1839	A. C. Childs,	Stated supply.	7	50	57					2			2			42
Total, 14		9		355	869	1224	62	69	12	81	19	25	4	48	32	28	1342

Without Pastoral Charge.—E. Chase, West Tisbury; A. Cobb, and G. Pease, Sandwich.

24. WOBURN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
				Males	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bedford,	July 15, 1730	Oren Sikes,	June, 3, 1846	48	109	157	27	4	4	8	7			7	2	5	135
Billerica,	April 30, 1829	J. G. D. Stearns,	May 10, 1843	12	43	55		1	5	6						1	50
Burlington,	Oct. 29, 1735	H G. Park,	Nov. 15, 1849	21	40	61			2	2						3	75
Carlisle,	Feb. 28, 1781	S. W. Banister,	April 27, 1848	13	38	51	4		2	2	2			2		2	60
Melrose,	July 11, 1848	Stillman Pratt,	May 17, 1849	8	12	20	5		3	3	1			1			30
Reading,	Feb. 21, 1770	Aaron Pickett,	Stated supply.														
" North,	June 29, 1720	E. W. Allen,	May 17, 1843	20	49	69	10				4	1		5		4	178
South Reading,	Nov. 5, 1645	Reuben Emerson, Alfred Emerson,	Oct. 1804, Oct. 15, 1645														
Stoneham,	July 2, 1729	W. C. Whitcomb,	May 1, 1850	28	73	101	20		1	1	1			1		1	100
West Cambridge,	Dec. 14, 1842	Francis Horton,	May 17, 1843	19	55	74	9	2	8	10	1	4		5		4	100
Wilmington,	Oct. 24, 1733	B. M. Fay,	April 23, 1845	26	65	91	1	1		1	2			2			100
Woburn, 1st cong. ch.	Aug. 14, 1641	Jonathan Edwards,	Sept. 7, 1848	150	260	410		9	13	22	9	36	1	46	4	5	
" North,	Oct. 1849	Samuel Sewall,	Stated supply.	19	41	60											75
Total, 13		14		364	785	1149	76	17	38	55	27	41	1	69	6	25	903

Without Pastoral Charge.—John A. Vinton, Stoneham.

25. WORCESTER CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849.			Removed 1849.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.	School.
Auburn,	Jan. 25, 1776	Vacant,		61	100	161	25				6	13		19		1	150
Barre,	Aug. 18, 1827	Amos Bullard,	Oct. 26, 1843	58	112	170		2	1	3	4	4		8		2	140
Berlin,	April 7, 1779	Henry Adams,	Oct. 25, 1843	39	71	110	20	3	2	5	2		1	3		2	140
Boylston,	Oct. 6, 1743	Wm. H. Sanford,	Oct. 17, 1832	48	77	125	24				3	4		7		3	150
Clinton,	Nov. 14, 1844	Wm. H. Corning,	Dec 8, 1847	41	68	109		1	10	11	2	6		8		3	150
Holden,	Dec. 22, 1742	Wm. P. Paine,	Dec. 24, 1833	107	214	321			4	4	8	5	1	14		3	250
Leicester,	1721	John Nelson, D. D.	March 4, 1812	75	133	208	8	2	12	14	3	5		8		8	225
Northboro',	April 1832	Wm. A. Houghton,	July 5, 1843	22	61	83	21				2			2		2	140
Oxford,	Jan. 18, 1721	Horatio Bardwell,	Jan. 8, 1836	67	165	232	50		5	5	4	4	1	9		1	200
Paxton,	Sept. 3, 1767	Wm. Phipps,	Nov. 11, 1840	37	106	143	15		4	4		3	1	4		5	185
Princeton,	Aug. 12, 1764	Vacant,		45	64	109	16				1	3		4		1	100
Rutland,	Nov. 1, 1727	George E. Fisher,	Feb. 27, 1850	80	170	250	25				3	8		11			200
Shrewsbury,	Dec. 4, 1723	N. W. Williams,	Feb. 28, 1849	111	183	294	20	1	3	4	11	10		21	1		250
Westboro',	Oct. 28, 1724	Daniel R. Cady,	Dec. 4, 1849	107	217	324	32	12	3	15	4	2		6	4	7	285
West Boylston,	1796	Joseph W. Cross,	March 11, 1840	88	193	281	30	9	6	15	7	5		12	5	6	300
Worcester, 1st par.	1719	George P. Smith,	March 15, 1848	109	232	341	25	8	17	25	5	7		12	3	5	390
" Calvinist,	Aug. 16, 1820	Seth Sweetser,	Dec. 19, 1838	100	220	320	51	3	23	26	6	17		23	1	4	300
" Union,	Feb. 3, 1836	Elam Smalley, D. D.	Sept. 19, 1838	149	238	387	50	4	23	27	6	23	1	30	3	6	400
" Salem-st.	Dec. 12, 1848	George Bushnell,	Dec. 13, 1848	62	87	149		6	23	29	1	13		14	1	3	170
Total, 19		17		1406	2711	4117	412	51	136	187	78	132	5	215	18	61	4125

Without Pastoral Charge.—George Allen, Chaplain of Mass. Insane Hospital, and Rodney A. Miller, Worcester; Isaac Worcester, Newton; H. B. Holmes, Boston; George S. Hovey, Norton; M. G. Pratt, Auburn.

26. WORCESTER NORTH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admitted 1849			Removed 1849.				Baptisms		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total	Absent	Prof.	Rec	Tot.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.
Ashburnham,	April 23, 1760	E. Davis,	Sept. 1846	66	111	177					3		8	11			150
" North,	1843	A. A. Whitmore,	Oct. 18, 1848	25	32	57	14		1	1	3	1	5	9			80
Athol,	1830	R M Chipman,	Aug. 15, 1839	57	96	153	24	1	2	3	6	7		13	1		180
Gardner, 1st,	Feb. 1, 1786	J. C. Paine,	Jan. 12, 1848	19	24	43		3		3	1			1			
" 2d,	1826	W. B. Stone,	Feb. 23, 1843	59	87	146	20		4	4	2	2		4		3	200
Hubbardston,	Feb. 14, 1770	D. B. Bradford,	June 17, 1846	55	117	172	20				8	4		12		6	150
New Salem,	Aug. 1845	W. H. Hayward,	Aug. 23, 1848	8	16	24	3				1			1			48
Petersham,	Dec. 1830	Solomon Clark,	April 14, 1841	24	50	74	8		1	1	1	3		4			147
Phillipston,	Nov. 1, 1785	A. E. P. Perkins,	Sept. 18, 1844	64	123	187	27	3	2	5	4	1		5		5	200
Royalston, 1st ch.	Oct. 13, 1766	N. Hazen,	March 24, 1847	47	103	150			3	3	3	1		4		2	230
" South,	Feb. 1837	George Goodyear,	Dec. 19, 1849	28	44	72	16	1		1	1			1		1	80
Templeton,	April 11, 1832	Lewis Sabin,	Sept. 21, 1837	34	71	105	10				3	2	2	7		2	175
Westminster,	Oct. 20, 1744	Vacant,															
Winchendon, 1st ch.	Dec. 15, 1762	John Storrs,	Aug. 22, 1849	30	63	93		2		2	2	5		7	2	1	60
" North,	Dec. 1843	A. P. Marvin,	Jan. 10, 1844	33	77	110	9	3	4	7	2	1		3	2	8	130
Total, 15		14		549	1014	1553	151	13	17	30	40	27	15	82	5	28	1830

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ebenezer Perkins, Royalston; Alexander Lovell, Westboro'; Samuel H. Peckham, Lunenburg; Stephen S. Smith, Westminster; Edwin Jennison, Walpole, N. H.; Samuel D. Darling, Wisconsin; J. D. Crosby, Ashburnham; J. H. M. Leland, Amherst.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chs.	Pastors.	Stated supplies.	Vacant chhs.	Ministers without charge.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1850.				Admissions in 1849.			Removals in 1849.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof.	Rec.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Adults	Infants	
Andover,	17	13	4	1	7	846	2,657	3,503	298	21	94	115	30	86	3	119	10	33	2,319
Berkshire,	35	26	5	4	12	1,578	3,210	5,788	385	50	50	100	50	88	6	144	20	57	3,724
Brewster,	11	8	2	1	3	377	844	1,221	44	10	2	12	33	7		40	6	29	1,632
Bridgewater,*	9	7	2			266	532	798	48	14	10	24	18	32		50		5	810
Brookfield,	17	16	2		2	727	1,763	2,614	383	66	62	128	55	71	12	138	27	71	2,940
Essex North,	25	19	5	3		856	1,939	2,805	107	23	27	50	42	51	4	97	10	44	2,834
Essex South,	26	23	1	3		1,153	2,857	4,010	90	50	28	78	83	35	11	129	9	75	4,049
Franklin,	30	22	6	3	5	920	1,776	2,696	240	113	116	229	49	108	2	159	43	65	2,500
Hampden East,	16	12	3	2	1	865	1,706	2,571	289	99	110	209	41	78	3	122	42	54	1,738
Hampden West,	17	9	3	5	3	527	1,109	1,636	72	20	62	82	50	74	2	126	8	37	1,578
Hampshire,	18	15	2	2	7	1,187	2,103	3,290	166	64	60	124	52	63	2	117	22	50	2,205
Hampshire East,	17	15		2	4	1,056	1,881	2,937	225	64	61	125	61	75	3	139	11	75	2,398
Harmony,	15	13	1	1	2	622	1,401	2,023	317	25	41	66	27	51	3	81	11	29	2,422
Mendon,	13	11	2	1	2	426	1,036	1,462	170	25	21	46	30	22	1	53	19	30	1,645
Middlesex South,	14	9	1	4		501	1,186	1,687	125	31	27	58	22	31	4	57	7	30	2,164
Middlesex Union,	16	9		7		792	1,550	2,342	172	11	42	53	50	34	10	94	7	54	2,270
Norfolk,	30	25	2	3		1,028	2,238	3,266	246	39	46	85	45	31	3	79	18	71	3,629
Old Colony,	13	10	2	1	2	440	967	1,407	89	14	41	55	29	22		51	3	17	1,015
Pilgrim,	8	6		2	2	258	511	769	55	3	5	8	19	5	2	26	5	11	733
Suffolk North,	20	18	3		11	1,178	2,876	4,051	128	94	204	298	40	78	4	122	34	83	2,774
Suffolk South,	15	14		1	11	1,101	2,568	3,669	116	109	147	256	42	157	8	207	21	97	3,139
Taunton,	15	11	4			644	1,560	2,201	398	80	51	131	22	32		54	35	80	2,614
Vineyard Sound,	14	5	4	5	3	355	869	1,224	62	69	12	81	19	25	4	48	32	28	1,312
Woburn,	13	12	2		1	364	785	1,149	76	17	38	55	27	41	1	69	6	25	903
Worcester Central,	19	17		2	6	1,406	2,711	4,117	412	51	136	187	78	132	5	215	18	61	4,125
Worcester North,	15	14		1	8	549	1,014	1,553	151	13	17	30	40	27	15	82	5	28	1,830
Total, 26	458	359	56	54	92	20,022	43,649	63,671	4,864	1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	59,332

* This is a newly organized body, composed chiefly of members from the Old Colony and Taunton Associations. Through mere inadvertency it was not admitted, *in form*, to the General Association of Massachusetts at the last meeting.

REMARKS ON THE PRECEDING TABLES.

It will be seen that a new column has been added to the tables, according to a vote of the last General Association, (see Minutes, p. 7,) for the *date of the organization of each church.* The value of this column must appear, to all reflecting minds, sufficiently obvious to justify a special effort in filling it up as accurately as possible, and as soon as it can be done. The work well accomplished once, is accomplished once for all, so far as relates to the churches now existing; while those hereafter gathered will bring the date of their organization with them when they come to be enrolled with the rest. As requested by the General Association, the Publishing Committee have supplied such dates as they had in their possession, with the understanding that each one is to be revised, and either confirmed or corrected in the next statistical returns. Besides the embarrassment occasioned by the loss of early records, the history of many of our churches involves a cecession (sometimes in an organized, and sometimes in a disorganized state) from the parishes with which they were originally connected, which enhances the difficulty of fixing their dates. In all such cases the Committee have been governed by the following simple rule, viz :—when the majority of a church ceceeds, retaining still their organization, they carry with them the original date ; but when they depart as so many individual members to be organized a-new, the date of that new organization attaches to the church. And so, in regard to another small class of churches which for other reasons have effected a re-organization,—the *present* organization is the one whose date is inserted. In a number of instances, where the year is given without month or day, the amount of the Committee's information would have been better expressed by saying "*about*" such a time.

There is still occasion to deplore the want of completeness in the statistical returns; though by much effort and some expense the Committee have succeeded in filling up many a yawning chasm, which the pastors might have filled with less effort and no expense at the appropriate time.

The present year's report, as compared with the last, shows an increase of one district Association, 12 churches, and 573 members; while the number of ministers in charge of churches remains just the same.

Several typographical errors, which escaped detection while the tables were going through the press, have been corrected in the " Summary,"—hence the slight discrepancy between the two.

SCRIBES OR REGISTERS OF THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS.

General Association,	E. Davis, D. D., *Westfield.*
Andover Association,	J. L. Taylor, *Andover.*
Berkshire,	J. Jay Dana, *South Adams.*
Brewster,	E. W. Tucker, *Chatham.*
Bridgewater,	B. Sanford, *East Bridgewater.*
Brookfield,	E. Carpenter, *Southbridge.*
Essex North,	D. T. Kimball, *Ipswich.*
Essex South,	A. Gannett, *Beverly.*
Franklin,	T. Packard, Jr., *Shelburne.*
Hampden East,	E. B. Clark, *Chicopee.*
Hampden West,	E. Davis, D. D., *Westfield.*
Hampshire,	J. S. Judd, *Whately.*
Hampshire East,	R. Ayers, *Hadley.*
Harmony,	W. Bates, *Northbridge.*
Mendon,	T. Thacher, *North Wrentham.*
Middlesex South,	A. Bigelow, *West Needham.*
Middlesex Union,	O. G. Hubbard, *Leominster.*
Norfolk,	S. L. Rockwood, *Hanson.*
Old Colony,	S. B. Goodenow, *Edgartown.*
Pilgrim,	J. Peckham, *Kingston.*
Suffolk North,	W. I. Budington, *Charlestown.*
Suffolk South,	J. W. Alvord, *Boston.*
Taunton,	J. B. M. Bailey, *South Attleboro'.*
Vineyard Sound,	A. Cobb, *Yarmouth.*
Woburn,	B. M. Fay, *Wilmington.*
Worcester Central,	G. P. Smith, *Worcester.*
Worcester North,	A. E. P. Perkins, *Phillipston.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association, by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; and the above-mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those, which from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.

2. This General Association is founded on the principles of Congregationalism, and wholly disclaims ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches, or the opinions of individuals. Its object is to promote brotherly harmony and intercourse among the ministers of Christ;—to obtain religious information relative to the state of their churches, and of the christian church in this country, and throughout the world;—and to co-operate with one another, and with other ecclesiastical bodies, in the most eligible measures for advancing the cause of truth and holiness.

3. Each District Association in Massachusetts, consenting to the principles of this Union, as stated in the first article, may appoint two delegates annually, to compose this General Association: and it is recommended, that one be appointed, who attended the preceding year.

4. The time of the annual meeting of this Association, shall be on the fourth Tuesday of June, at five o'clock, P. M., at such place, as shall have been duly notified.

5. Seven members, delegated from the particular Associations of Massachusetts, shall be requisite to form a quorum for transacting any business; but for opening and adjourning the meeting, a less number shall be competent.

6. The secretary, and the minister of the church where the Association meet, shall have seats, and act as members; the Associations to which they belong retaining the right to elect their number of Delegates in addition.

7. The minister of the church in the place where the Association meets, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until the Association shall be properly organized.

8. The certificates of the delegates present shall be read by the Secretary, or by a temporary Scribe; and the Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant Scribe, by ballot. The Rules of the Association shall also be read, and the Moderator shall open the business with prayer.

9. At the opening of the session on each subsequent day, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

10. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed by nomination, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

11. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be open to discussion, until it be seconded.

12. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. Nor on any question shall a member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a Committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

15. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

16 Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members to call him to order.

17. The discussions in the Association, and the whole deportment of the members, shall be in accordance with decorum, with due respect to the chair, and with courtesy to each other.

18. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

19. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, or such other member as he shall appoint.

20. Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us are, that this Association, and each

body connected with it, shall annually appoint Delegates to the other, which shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting, and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration.

21. The principle of the connection formed with the Massachusetts Missionary Society is, that said Society may annually appoint two delegates to this body, who shall be admitted to equal privileges with the members from the District Associations.

22. Gentlemen, who are admitted as honorary members, shall be allowed full liberty to take part in all deliberations; though they are not considered as entitled to vote; and it is expected they will give notice to the body, if they find it necessary to withdraw previous to the close of the session. The approbation of the Committee of Arrangements shall be obtained, before a gentleman shall be proposed to sit as an honorary member.

23. The Delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of foreign bodies, shall, *ex officio*, have seats as honorary members of the General Association.

24. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed, to submit to the General Association at the next meeting, a *Pastoral Address*, to excite the attention of ministers and Christians to faithful discipline in the churches, the instruction of the rising generation, the sanctification of the Sabbath, and other subjects relating to the general interests of religion. The address being approved by the General Association, shall be signed by the Moderator, and printed with the minutes. This Committee shall be chosen from the several Associations in rotation.

25. The several Associations shall have the offer of receiving, in rotation, the annual meeting of the General Association, and each one, in turn, shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, which shall be delivered at two o'clock, Thursday, P. M., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The narratives given by the Delegates of the several Associations concerning the state of religion and the churches, shall be given on Wednesday afternoon, and shall be presented in writing, with a view to obtain an accurate account of the principal facts, not however to prevent any more particular details which the Delegates may think expedient to add, or the Association to request. The returns, with respect to the number in the churches, etc., shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the first of January past.

26. A Committee shall be appointed to receive the narratives and statements, and shall condense them into one narrative, to be submitted to the General Association and published. The written narratives shall be deposited with the Secretary.

27. A Committee shall be appointed to nominate Delegates to foreign bodies, which delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the several bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

28. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years, from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall, *ex officio*, be the Treasurer of the General Association; and shall be allowed his own travelling expenses in attending the meetings of this Association.

A Committee shall be appointed annually, to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the members of the several Associations connected with this body. The Secretary shall be authorized to pay such expenses as are allowed by this Association.

29. It shall be the duty of the Delegates of the District Associations, to pay the amount of the Assessments due from their respective Associations for the past year, whether collected by them or not.

30. A Publishing Committee shall be annually appointed, to make such extracts from the minutes of the meeting, as in their judgment it will be proper to publish; procure to be printed such number of copies, with the Pastoral Address and Narrative of the State of Religion, as will give one copy to each minister of the Associations represented in this body; and such a number of copies for other bodies connected with this Association, as shall be mutually agreed upon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive the publications from foreign bodies, and distribute them among the several Associations, in proportion to the tax paid by them respectively. One copy of each publication, received by the General Association, or printed by its order, shall be kept in the archives.

31. An Agent shall be appointed in Boston to transmit the Extracts of the Minutes of this General Association to other ecclesiastical bodies, and to receive their Extracts or other publications, and transmit them to the several District Associations represented in this body. And notice of his appointment and place of business, shall be inserted in the printed Extracts. He shall be entitled to a suitable compensation.

32. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to communicate proper information to the Agent in Boston, and to the Publishing Committee, for their direction.

33. Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and request some District Association to appoint a preacher to deliver the Associational Sermon. And the church of the place of meeting is desired to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper during the session.

34. A *Vote* or *Resolve* to establish, alter, or annul a *standing rule* of this body, shall be read twice on different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be, Shall it be read the second time?

BY-LAWS.

1. An annual sermon shall be preached before the Association, on the subject of Home Missions, and a collection taken. The preacher shall be appointed by this body.

2. No report of the state of religion shall be read in public, unless it be approved by the Association from which it comes, or by the Committee of Arrangements of the General Association.

3. It is recommended to the several District Associations, to have their narratives on the state of religion, condensed, so as not to exceed five minutes in the time of reading.

4. The printed Minutes of this Association, shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

5. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Foreign Bodies, whether they be Primaries or Substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after his appointment.

6. The Minutes of this Association shall be sent to the individual members of the Associations connected with this body by mail, and the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, shall furnish a list of the names required to the Agents of the Association.

7. The Minutes of this body, forwarded to the General Association of Connecticut, shall be, according to their request, sent by mail, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

8. The names of all the members of the Associations belonging to this body, whether with or without charge, shall be inserted in the published returns.

9. Every church without a pastor, by paying twenty-five cents, annually, to the Treasurer of the General Association, through the Treasurer of the local Association, with which said church is connected, shall be entitled to receive the Minutes of the General Association, to be forwarded in the same way as minutes are forwarded to members of the Association.

APPENDIX.

The order in which the several Associations shall have the offer of receiving the Annual Meeting of the General Association, commencing with the Suffolk North in 1848.

Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Mendon,
Andover,
Brewster,
Taunton,
Hampshire,
Essex South,
Hampshire East,
Norfolk,
Berkshire,
Middlesex South,
Brookfield,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Hampden East,
Essex North,
Hampden West,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Woburn,
Worcester North,
Middlesex Union,
Worcester Central.

The order in which the several Associations shall appoint one of their number to preach the Associational Sermon, commencing with the Worcester Central, in 1848.

Worcester Central,
Suffolk North,
Suffolk South,
Vineyard Sound,
Essex South,
Franklin,
Harmony,
Mendon,
Hampden East,
Brookfield,
Hampden West,
Middlesex South,
Norfolk,
Hampshire,
Hampshire East,
Worcester North,
Old Colony,
Pilgrim,
Taunton,
Middlesex Union,
Woburn,
Essex North,
Brewster,
Andover,
Berkshire.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

☞It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in Massachusetts will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, *arranging the churches in alphabetical order, adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.* ☞ The *absent* members are to be regarded as included in the columns with the others.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Settled.	Churches, Jan. 1, 1851.				Admitted 1850.			Removed 1850.				Baptisms.		Sabbath
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent	Prof	Rec.	Tot	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	School.